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The Wharf at The Farm and Trades School

Painting the Boats

For the last three weeks painting the boats has been one of the important jobs. We have a number of boats which are not in use during the winter, except the Steamer Pilgrim, and one row boat. About two weeks ago the Pilgrim was put up on the beach and had her winter sheathing removed and painted white and copper. As the launch "Winslow", the "John Alden", and "Mary Chilton" have been on the beach all winter they need to be sandpapered and painted. The "John Alden" is being painted now with white, buff and copper paints. The "Winslow" is all scraped and sandpapered. She is being painted green, white, and buff. As the "Chilton" is not used so much she has not been started on yet.

Alexander McKenzie

Barn Work

There are four boys who work in the Barn in the morning, They clean cows, exercise the bulls, etc. The boys like to take "Langwater Standby," the small bull around the South End of the Island We feed the cows and heifers and bulls, and bed them. We all have special cows and heifers for pets.

Herbert E. Wright

The Bakery

The Bakery is a room in the northeast wing of the Main Building. This room adjoins the Kitchen, on the first floor, below the main Office. In the western corner of the room, is the oven, about ten feet square and made of brick. In the north corner is a set of shelves on which we keep our spices, scales, knives, and pans to put the bread in. In the east corner we have a "Day" dough mixer,(Size 0) and along the wall there is a trough, where the dough rises over night. In the south corner there is a rack where brooms, brushes and dust pans are put. In the middle of the room is a rack which can hold eighty-five bread pans at a time. Next to the mixer are two barrels of flour, one is for pastry and the other for bread. Over the oven is a peel,(used to take out the bread) a poker, and a scraper. Under the oven is a place where the wood is kept for the next morning. At one side of the oven is the fireplace, and below, is the ash pit. On the northwest side of the bakery are two windows, one over the oven and the other along the wall.

There are two bakers who work in the Bakery and I am one of them. I work in the morning and the other baker works in the afternoon. The afternoon baker makes the bread most of the time.

In the morning I get up at five o'clock and put the dough into the pans which are on the table, all greased and ready. I let the loaves rise while I am in to breakfast. The fire is also built at five o'clock and dies out while the bread is rising. When the bread has risen high enough it is put into the oven to bake for about three quarters of an hour. Then it is taken out and put on boards, and covered over on a sheet to cool

I also can make cookies, gingerbread, cottage pudding, bread pudding, baked beans, corn bread, biscuits, and white bread. The afternoon baker takes the bread into the boys' Dining Room where it is put in a cupboard which has five shelves. We always keep three or more shelves filled. After the bread is taken into the Dining Room, the baker gets up the wood, then he scrubs the floor and straightens up the shelves and cleans off the boards. Then he has his playtime until five o'clock.

At five o'clock he goes into the Bakery and first gets 1 and 1-2 quarts of lard and 2 and 1-2 cups of salt and puts it in the dough mixer. Then he gets 2 and 1-2 pails of water and puts it in, and disolves 7 ounces of yeast in the water. Then he puts in about half a barrel of flour to make it rather stiff, turns on the electric motor, and gets the mixer running. After the dough is all mixed, it is turned into a trough and let rise over night, until five o'clock the next morning.

RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN

Getting Beacons Ready for Distribution

When the Beacons arrive at the Office the first thing I do is to fold them. Sometimes there are 1120 or more to be folded. When this is done, some paste of flour and water is made in the Kitchen. Then it is put in a trough that has many small holes in the bottom. This lets out a little paste at a time. When this is done the Beacons are stamped and ready to be addressed.

The addressing is done by a machine called an Addressograph and it is operated as follows: There is a file with a lot of different drawers in it. Some particular drawer is selected and the names of the people are put in a slot which has a weight to press them down and a cover to hold them in place. Four presses of a lever brings the card below the bars, and the lever is pressed again, the used card is taken on a belt and put in the drawer and at the same time a new card is brought into place. Another weight with an ink pad is pressed down and this stamps the name plainly on the wrapper. Then a wrapper is put over all of them. The mail boy brings them to the city where they go to the subscribers.

SEYMOUR C. MCFADYEN

Our Chapel at Easter

The scene represented a flower garden and was staged in the front of the Chapel. A fence of white lattice work, bordered the outside of the garden, and through the center stretched a path, bordered with grass and large, beautiful, geraniums, Over the garden was an arbor, and its white posts and cross-pieces, stood out vividly against the green and white background. White and lavender streamers hung across the top of the arbor and vines of sweet, delicate wistaria, were also wound around its upper edge. Two large willow bird cages, stood on each side of the garden, and from one a little canary bird thrilled forth its "Easter Tidings" of joy and new life. At the end of the path, an open archway revealed a white cross, surrounded with Easter lilies, daffodils and many other beautiful flowers, from which the delicate fragrance was diffused throughout the Chapel at the Easter Concert on Sunday afternoon. SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

Distributing Easter Flowers

A day or two after Easter I was told to help distribute the Easter flowers. First I asked all the Instructors what kind of flowers they would like in their rooms Some wanted Easter Lilies some Daffodils and some Hyacinths. Each Instructor was then given some. After this a few were put in the office, the apartments, Reading Room, Pool Room, Sitting Room and Schoolrooms. Then the geraniums were taken to the boys' dining room and put in the boxes on the window sills. Those that belonged in the Assembly Hall were left there.

KENNETH E. KEARNS

Records

In the second schoolroom on the black board there are Arithmetic and Spelling records When a boy gets a hundred in Arithmetic or Spelling he gets a white star. When he has five white stars he receives a gold star. It is a very good record I think. JOHN A. ARKERSON

Band Work

One of the things that I do is to keep account of the material in, and belonging to, the Band. Every Friday morning I go to the Band Hall and see that there are sufficient chairs and racks for the evening rehearsal I also repair the torn music, and when we get new pieces I stick them in the books. There is a box containing printed cards on which the name of each member of the Band is written. On each boy's card is written the change in instrument and rank and the date on which he entered the Band. When he leaves the Band, the date is written on the card and the card is kept for reference. There is a diary which I keep, of the rehearsals, concerts, repairs on instruments, etc. The extra music, folders, books, mouthpieces, etc. are kept in a box in the Printing Office, and in a cupboard in the Band Hall. During the week the boys put the time they practise daily, on two charts in the Band Hall. At the end of each week I add up the total time practised by each boy and copy these figures on a chart which hangs in the Band Hall. IVERS E. WINMILL

Our Radio Receiving Set

Another boy and I have a wireless receiving set. We bought part of it and made the rest ourselves. It consists of an Arlington type loose coupler, two variable condensers, one fixed condenser, a dector, and a pair of Murdock phones. The aerial is about twenty-five feet long of the indoor type. The ground connection is made on a waterpipe. We are not far enough advanced to receive in code. Every night from 7:45 to 9:15 we hear the radiophone broadcasting station at Medford Hillside Mass. This station sends out a very fine programme each evening consisting of sermons and business reviews of the past week, lectures on hygiene, bedtime stories for the little folks, etc. There is also a musical concert each night. These all go to make a full week of fine entertainment We enjoy this very much.

WILLIAM H. WARING

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Of the festivals of the Christian year, Easter is the most important and most joyful. It celebrates the Resurrection with the return of Spring, with its budding of leaves and flowers.

The spirit of Easter is wonderfully and most perfectly expressed in the Resurrection of Jesus. This spirit is also shown and felt by the sight of flowers lifting their faces once more to the sunlight, and by the new and bright colors that nature gives to the trees and grass. It is the bursting of Winter's fetters and the revival of life's struggle that interests us and gives us a new and happier feeling. Easter proclaims that man shall overcome all his foes including death itself. His path may lead through sorrow and dark valleys but at the end he will find delight and happiness, defeats will be forgotten in the joy of victory at Easter time.

When things may be a bit dark with you, be not discouraged for the dawn is sure to come. For like the Spring, after the Winter with its snow and ice, and with everything frozen in and bleak and cold, so will come an end to your troubles and worries, like the sunrise after a long dark night. The sunrise and Springtime, with their beauty and love will come to us all if we will be patient and wait, bringing with them happiness, peace and love.

Calendar

April 1 Sugaring off party in boys' Dining Room this evening.

Team C defeated Team B at basketball this afternoon, score 20–12.

April 5 New cushions for "Pilgrim" arrived today.

The "Winslow" has been freshly painted and was launched today.

Grade Party this evening.

Uncovered strawberries this morning.

April 6 Manager Francis Shaw visited the School this afternoon.

Ploughing piece in front of Farm House.

April 7 The Scow which was beached for the winter was put in the water today, A new coat of paint has improved its appearance.

Pruning blackberries and grape vines.

April 8 Basketball game this afternoon.

Team C won from Team B, 18–14.

Floyd A. Warren, '15 and Lawrence Murphy, '18 spent the afternoon here.

April 9 Palm Sunday, interesting service by Mr. Bonney this afternoon.

April 10 Boys chose their flower gardens this evening.

April 11 Joe Lorraine greatly interested the boys during the evening with his annual entertainment of music and stories.

April 12 Charles Russell ex '02 was here for a while this morning,

Blacksmith here.

Took old paper out of Old Barn and carried it to Cow Pasture for the junk dealer.

April 14 Went with Scow after fertilizer this morning.

April 15 Howard F. Lochrie, '16, came over this afternoon to spent Sunday.

April 15 The annual Easter Concert was given by the boys this afternoon. Chapel was prettily and attractively decorated.

Manager Richard M. Saltonstall died at Corey Hill hospital this evening.

April 17 Plowed land south of Root Cellar.

April 18 The boys chose up for Baseball teams tonight.

April 19 Patriots Day. School celebrated with half holiday.

First baseball game of the season was played this afternoon.

Clarence DeMar, '03, won the Marathon race this afternoon.

April 19 The School band and a number of the Instructors, as the guests of Mr. Howard B. Ellis '97 and Boys' Band of the Second Church at Dorchester, attended a concert this evening at the Second Church at Dorchester.

April 22 Ralph Langille, '19, left the School today to enter training with the Massachusetts Nautical School.

School band gave its annual Spring Concert this evening. The musical program was followed by dancing.

Harrowed piece by Farm House. Sowed oats and peas and stocked it to alfalfa.

April 23 President Nathan R. Wood of Gordon Bible College, addressed the boys this afternoon. President Wood's visit to the School was obtained through efforts of Mr Bonney, Sunday Assistant.

April 25 Mr. Britton, bee inspector, was here this morning to get the bees ready for the summer,

April 27 A mandolin was given to the School today in behalf of Harvard students.

Plowed and harrowed piece at North End.

April 29 Repaired locker at Public Landing this afternoon.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

April 12 Cool, froze last night.

April 26 Got the Lyman out of the old barn and made her ready for sea.

April 27 Pleasant but windy.

Launched the Lyman, dug asparagus roots, plowed.

Frank Early got on a raft and was taken by the wind out towards Moon Head. He got half way across before being rescued by John M. Renney and myself. The wind was fresh and his raft not nailed. A narrow chance for the lad.

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 72° on the 10th and 26th.

Minimum Temperature 68° on the 26th.

Mean Temperature for the month 49°.

Total precipitation .10 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .06 inches on the 15th and 31st.

Two days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 13 clear days, 7 partly cloudy, 10 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash and Securities, Apr. 1, 1922	$959.19
Deposited during the month	51.88
	$1011.07
Withdrawn during the month	35.50
Cash and Securities, May 1 1922	975.57

Stoning the Gardens

Each spring the stones which border our gardens have to be taken out and laid straight again. First we get a thin board, a trowel and four stakes. We put the board between the stakes in such a way that when the stones are laid against them and pounded down solid, it makes the shapes of the gardens. Some of the shapes of the gardens are circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. KENNETH A. PRIEST

Getting Down Summer Clothing

Last night the Instructor in charge told another boy and me to go to the loft with the clothing room boy and get the summer clothing down. Before going to the loft we stopped at the Office to get the key. When we got there he told us to get a basket and bring them down to the clothing room. The summer clothing is made of khaki. The suit consists of coat with collar and long pants. We feel that spring is surely here when we put on our khakies.

WALTER H. CURTIS

Burning Grass

Every Spring we usualy burn the grass in the meadows and around the orchard. One Saturday afternoon when the Supervisor asked for volunteers to burn grass we went with him to the grove between the two avenues. We had the hose cart out and the hose fastened on the hydrant so we would have full control of the fire. We first started to burn a little at a time and if the fire went too far we put a part of it out, so that it wouldn't get beyond us. After we had burnt the grass in the grove we burnt the grass on the other side of Highland Road. When that was all done we burnt the grass on the East side of the Farm House Path and around the east side dyke. By this time we were very warm so we went up to the house and were refreshed by washing in cool water. ROBERT J. BUCHANAN

Repairing the Farm House Path

A while ago the farm boys started working on the Farm House Path. We first dug up a good bit with pickaxes. We then hauled cinders from the cinder pile which is down by the boats. When the cinders were put on we spaded these together with the dirt and raked out the big lumps and broke them, raking them to the path again. Then water was put on after which a little at a time was rolled. By doing this it made the path look better and also better for walking. Before, it was about all muddy. This keeps the buildings clean and free from dirt. We did quite a lot in one afternoon. We finished it in about a week. WYLLIS A. WEST

Mosquito Inspecting

I am Chief of the mosquito inspectors, so I have to know how the mosquitos breed, and how to exterminate them. Mosquitos breed in still water, which is either stagnant or fresh. To kill them, crude oil, kerosene, lubricating oil etc., is used because when the oil gets on the water, it spreads out making a film over top so that mosquito wrigglers cannot come up to get air, thus killing them. We hope to get control of the mosquitos this year. ROGER K. SMITH

An Incident

One morning when I was working in the kitchen of the Farm House, I heard a ticking that sounded like a typewriter. At first I thought it was a Farm Instructor typewriting. After I had finished my work in the kitchen, I went up to see how the fires were in the other rooms and when I walked into the front hall, I saw a sparrow tapping at the window. This noise was what I thought was a typewriter.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL

The Dairy Herd

The products of a dairy cow is four fold. The first and chief product of the cow is her milk. It is used as milk and for butter and cheese making. The second product is her calves which are of more or less value. The third is her carcass of beef, which is used after she is no good for milk production. The last product of a cow is her manure which is of considerable value. The milk might be called the main product while the calves, beef and manure the by-products of a dairy cow.

In considering the selection of the herd the first question is whether the herd is to be made up of pure bred or grade animals. There are several different breeds from which the herd can be picked, the Jersey, Ayrshire, Durham, Guernsey. Holstein, Redpoll, Devons and Shorthorns.

BARTON N. SLADE

Printing Friends' Day Cards

One Saturday afternoon I was told to print 200 Friends' Day cards. I first inked up the small press with bronze blue ink and then put the form in the press. I put quads on the tympan and then I centered the form in the middle of the card. I then put the gauges on and printed the cards.

JOHN M. LEVIS

Working in the Bandhall

This noon I went to the Bandhall to clean it. First I moved the chairs to one side. I next began to sweep. After I did that I straightened the music books in the cupboard. I dusted everything in the Band hall. After that was done I used my time washing windows.

PHILIP H. YOUNG

Repairing the Baseball Diamond

We began to repair the playgrounds early this year. The base lines have been cut three feet wide. The sod around the bases have been cut in a half circle and fine dirt and sand has been put around the bases for a protection against injuries. The sod has been cut in back of the pitchers box for the umpire.

WALDO E. LIBBY

Our Memory Selection

For our English lesson we sometimes learn a poem. The one today is,

THE GOLDEN KEYS

A bunch of golden keys is mine
To make each day with gladness shine.
"Good morning", that's the golden key
That unlocks every day for me.

When evening comes, "Good night" I say
And close the door of each glad day
When at the table, "If you please,"
I take from off my bunch of keys.

"Excuse me", "Beg your pardon" too,
If by mistake some harm I do.
Or if, kindly, harm I've given,
With "forgive me", I'll be forgiven.

WALTER H. CURTIS

Vacation

Last week we had a vacation. The boys who went to school in the morning, worked until nine o'clock, and then were dismissed from work for the rest of the morning. The same was done with the boys who went to school in the afternoon only they were dismissed at half past two in the afternoon. Some of the boys fixed their gardens, played basketball, and did other things. I enjoyed my vacation very much.

THOMAS A. HALL

Loading the Scow

Today I helped load the Scow "John Alden" with iron. First we pitched out the large pieces of iron and handed them to some boys in the Scow. After the large pieces of iron were put on board we picked up the smaller pieces and put them in a box on the Scow. Then the Steamer towed the Scow to the landing. We picked up paper and limbs from the orchards after it was loaded. Soon we were called to dinner. I like this work.

ROBERT H. CARNEY

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Cambridge

Merton P. Ellis, '97, Secretary
25 Rockdale Street, Boston 26.

Augustus N. Doe, '75, Treasurer
Wellesley

Howard F. Lochrie, '16, Historian
West Roxbury

Edmund S. Bemis, '13, has moved from West Somerville, to 28 Lexington Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts.

William F. O'Connor, '08, has purchased the Eliot Square Restaurant at Roxbury and has gone in business for himself. His address is 30 Eliot Square.

George C. Adams. '19, who for two years has been a member of the United States Navy, is now located in Plymouth. He is living with W. M. Snow, 53 Main Street.

George L. Bell, '80, is living at 152 Purchase Street, Boston 9, Massachusetts, having moved from 237 Endicott Avenue, Beachmont, Massachusetts.

Foster B. Hoye, '07 has written an interesting letter from Cleveland, Ohio. During the winter he was ill for several weeks of scarlet fever but is on the road to recovery. He is located at 1424 West 50th Street.

Leslie M. Calkin, '18, who for some time was living with his father at Bellingham, Massachusetts, has moved to 147 1-2 Congress Street, Milford, Massachusetts.

An Entertainment

One Tuesday evening we were told that an entertainer was coming to entertain us. He is with the Y. M. C. A. and entertained the soldiers in France. Lately he has returned from Siberia. We greeted him with hearty hand clapping. Mr. Lorraine opened his programme by giving us a selection on the xylophone he also gave us a selection on the Swiss bells which we enjoyed especially well. He also gave us a selection on the banjo. There were readings and jokes. He gave us some imitations of the Swiss people and Italians, this was followed by some stereopticans on Russia. He showed us pictures of the beautiful places of Russia. Then he said "You don't have to go across the ocean to find beautiful scenery when you can find it in the United States." He said there wasn't a prettier place in the world than the United States. We all ended in singing the four stanzas of America, We all like Mr. Lorraine very much and hope he will come again.

Paul F. Reid

A Quotation

On the side board of the second school room is a quotation printed in orange and yellow chalk.

"Both minds and fountain pens will work when willed,—

But minds like fountain pens must first be filled."

Frederick R. Metcalf

A Concert in Dorchester

Wednesday, April 19, the regular Band went over to Dorchester to hear the Boys' Band of the Second Congregational Church. When the Steamer arrived at City Point, there were seven automobiles waiting for us. The first thing on the program was a March. After the concert we had ice cream and cake. We enjoyed the concert very much.

William E. Ericsson

A Woodpecker

One morning when I was at work I suddenly heard a dull drumming sound. After listening again, I knew it was a woodpecker. Evidently it was making a hole in a tree in which to make a nest. Woodpeckers are very useful birds with the exception that they make holes in trees.

Leander E. Dorey

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Thompson's Island Looking North

Memorial Day Exercises

We have a little Cemetery at the South End of our Island. Every Memorial Day the Boys march down and have exercises.

Sunday, May 28, 1922 we had our plans made for the afternoon. When afternoon came, we changed into our uniforms and lined up in front of the building. With the Band ahead of us, we marched down the Front Avenue, along the Beach Road until we reached the Cemetery. James B. Scott, the Mayor of Cottage Row, had charge of the exercises, which were as follows:

1. Song — Holy, Holy, Holy
   Band and School
2. Invocation
   Mr. Bonney
3. Address
   James B. Scott
4. Recitation — "Memorial Day"
   George L. Langill

5. SONG Rock of Ages
Quartette and School

6. RECITATION "BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD"
Theodore B. Hadley

7. RECITATION "Soldier Rest"
Clarence E. Stevens

8. SELECTION Dennis
Band

9. RECITATION Gettysberg Speech
Samuel L. Whitehead

10. SONG Abide With Me
Band and School

11. ROLL CALL
Clifton E. Albee

12. DECORATION OF GRAVES
John M. Ely
Arthur W. Gaunt
Edward J. Robertson
Daniel E. Smith

13. ROLLING OF MUFFLED DRUMS (three times)

14. TAPS (three times)

15. SONG Nearer, My God to Thee
Band and School

WARREN J. BURRISS

Drilling

On Wednesday evening two boys were appointed to act as captains. Under each captain are thirty-two boys including four corporals to each company. The captains are, Company A, Daniel E. Smith, Company B, Osmond W. Bursiel, corporals of Company A, Wyllis A. West, Alexander McKenzie, Harold B. Buchan and Edward J. Robertson. The corporals of Company B are Waldo E. Libby, Samuel L. Whitehead, William E. Ericsson and Willis M. Smith. The Supervisor issues the orders which the captains in turn give to their companies. We go to the playgrounds where we drill for twenty minutes each day.

SEYMOUR C. MCFADYEN

A Talk

Thursday afternoon, on May 4th, all the Boys assembled in the Assembly Hall to hear a talk given by Miss. Margaret Slattery. We had on our uniforms, and a short program was made up. The School sang three songs, our Band played and then our Minister, Mr. Bonney introduced Miss. Slattery to us. She has traveled all over the world, and, of course, seen many things of interest. Some of these she told to us and many others were woven into her subject, "Ten Years From To–day". Her talk was very interesting, indeed, and we all enjoyed it. When Miss. Slattery finished, Mr. Swasey, spoke to us, and the program ended by the Boys singing the "School Song".

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD.

The First Swim of 1922

We had our first swim May 21. The Supervisor blew three blasts on his whistle and we lined up. We marched down to the beach, then he blew the whistle again and we started to undress. After another blast, there was a rush to see who would be the first one in. The water was cool but when one got wet all over, it was not bad. Four short blasts from the whistle was the signal to come in, when we were dressed. we marched up to the house.

EARL ERICSSON

A Good Night's Work

One night five Bird Inspectors decided to go out inspecting. Two went over North End and three over South End and the orchard. The three who went over South End were Chester W. Buchan, Herbert E. Noble and I. We got 21 eggs from the orchard in the bird boxes and two in the barn. When Curtis and Crosby came back from North End they had 33 eggs. That made 56 eggs in all. These eggs were from those birds such as the sparrows that do harm to the trees and plants about our Island.

CLARENCE E. STEVENS

The Famous "Blue Boy"

Thomas Gainsborough's famous painting was sold last October by the Duke of Westminister to Sir Joseph Duveen, a well known art dealer. Again it was sold to Henry Huntington, an American art collector for about $715,000. As I read in this week's "Current Events" the home of Henry Huntington at Pasadena, California, is to be given in trust to the public. The Huntington art gallery is said to be the finest in the world. The art collection he has, has cost him about $5,000,000. and now contains the famous "Blue Boy."

The predominating color in the "Blue Boy" picture is blue. The boy is very brilliantly dressed in a blue velvet costume. In his right hand he holds a velvet cap with a feather hanging down, and in his left arm he holds his blue coat. He seems to be standing on a high hill, and in the background we can just see a bridge. The "Blue Boy" has a peculiar timid look. He has long curly brown hair and brown eyes.

Some friends of an art club to which Gainsborough belonged told him that no picture could be successfully painted with blue as the main color. Gainsborough said it was possible, and so to prove it, he painted the picture of the "Blue Boy", which is the best I have ever seen and is one of the finest pictures in the world. I am glad our country owns such a celebrated painting.

RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN

The First Friends' Day

This year the first Friends' Day was on May 2. It dawned bright and clear and stayed so all day, At about quarter of two, the Boys changed into their uniforms and came out on the front lawn where they assembed with the Band. We marched down to the Wharf. Shortly after, the Nantasket Steamer, "Old Colony," came in. There were 243 people who came to see the Boys. We enjoyed the afternoon very much.

ROGER K. SMITH

Sowing Lima Beans

On May 3 the Farm Instructor and about ten boys went over by the strawberry bed to sow lima beans. First we raked the piece off, then we put two lines down and dug holes about two inches deep and twelve inches apart, so the plants would come up in hills. Then we mixed the fertilizer with the soil and dropped in six lima beans, and then spread about one inch of soil on top of the beans. The rows are about one yard apart.

WILLIAM E. ERICSSON

The Coal

We have just finished unloading a part of our new supply of coal. We have unloaded one scow full, and expecting another before long. When we start our work, the horses are hitched to the four dump carts and the double team. Each team is led, one after the other, to the Wharf and pulled up under the chute. After a cart is loaded, it goes past the coal pile to the scales. It is weighed and comes down to the coal pile, where it is dumped and goes back for another load. After the load is dumped, there are several boys on the pile to level off the coal. During this work, the coal gets us pretty dirty, so every night the boys who have worked on the coal, take a shower bath and change their clothes.

IVERS E. WINMILL

A Poem

On the blackboard in the Second School room is a poem which our teacher put on:

"The year's at the spring;
The day's at the morn
Morning's at seven;
The hill side's dew pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn:
God's in His heaven—
All's right with the world".

Browning

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON

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The following letter was written by a member of the graduating class at his own request and without assistance. The letter is short, well worded, and readily understood, showing that the writer has benefited by his work here at The Farm and Trades School. He has brought to his mother's attention many of the thoughts that we are trying to have each boy grasp. Among these are the fundamental importance of a varied yet practical training on which to build his higher education; the advantages to be gained by developing the mental, moral, and physical nature of each boy evenly and together; the relative importance of work and play, and the meaning of obedience and earnest endeavor on the part of each boy that he may become a clean, manly, intelligent and respected boy among his playmates and instructors.

May 21, 1922

Dear Mother:

I am very sorry that you are ill. I received your letter just after I sent the last letter to you so I didn't know how things were. Will Honore or Aunt Lillian be able to come Graduation Day which will be June thirteenth?

I have almost finished my tool chest and expect to finish it in a week or two. The tool chest is the only model that the boys can have, that is, without paying for it. It is an object that a boy without the knowledge of Sloyd could not make. I hope to bring it home with me when I go.

To-day we had our first swim of the season. The water was great. I was disappointed because we were allowed to stay in only five minutes. I can swim and dive pretty good being a member of the Boat Crew.

The grounds and buildings have improved wonderfully during the last few months.

This is a wonderful place, Mother. The Band has given me a good know-

ledge of music and Sloyd has given me a training in woodworking. Cottage Row Government has enabled me to understand the duties of citizenship. Work on the Farm has helped me to understand agriculture. I learned the duties of a household, etc. in the Bakery. In the Boat Crew I increased my knowledge of rowing, swimming and diving. The Sports, baseball, basketball, and football have made my play hours more interesting. Drill and exercises before breakfast have built up my strength. Work in the Observatory has given me a fair knowledge of meteorology. It all comes in the curriculum of education. What more could a boy want for his boyhood training? I have tried to keep my promise to you. I have tried to have my studies come first.

Don't forget that Graduation Day is on the thirteenth of June.

With love,

(Signed) Edward

Calendar

May 1 Plowed on east side of playground. Sowed mangles and beets at the North End.

May 2 First Friends' Day. 243 friends and parents, and President Arthur Adams and Manager W. B. Foster here for the afternoon.

May 3 Barge with soft coal for the year arrived.

Planted beans, beets and radishes.

May 4 Plastering and other interior repairs were started this morning.

Miss Margaret Slattery gave a very interesting talk to the boys this afternoon, using as her subject, "Ten Years From Today."

May 6 First baseball game of the season this afternoon. Team A defeated Team B 10 to 8.

Mr. Kihlstrom and two boys William H. Waring and Alexander Y. Davison, who have made a radio receiving set, attended the Radio Exhibit at Mechanics Hall.

Rose Morrill, '20, here for the week end.

May 8 Unloaded coal after waiting nearly a week for good weather.

May 11 Paper hanger came over for a few days' work.

The "Nantucket", Massachusetts Nautical Training Ship, on which Ralph L Langille, '19, is a student, left this morning for a cruise in foreign waters.

Manager Henry Jackson, M. D. visited the School this afternoon.

Planted summer squash and cucumbers.

May 12 Planted potatoes at South End beyond scrub oaks.

May 13 Team D won from Team C at baseball this afternoon 12 to 8.

May 14 Sunday. Dean Clarence W. Dunham of Gordon Bible College and Mrs. Dunham were here for the afternoon. Dean Dunham spoke to the boys at the afternoon service and Mrs. Dunham rendered a solo,

May 15 Manager Tucker Daland visited the School this afternoon.

Planted potatoes in field east of playground.

May 16 Started practicing music for Graduation.

Sold 100 bushels of potatoes not needed for our own use.

May 17 Manager Walter B. Foster visited the School today.

Second coal barge arrived today with hard coal and screenings.

May 20 Planted beans.

Team A defeated Team C 12 to 11 at baseball this afternoon.

May 21 Boys enjoyed their first swim of the season this morning.

May 22 Planted melons in garden by Root Cellar.

May 23 Planted corn.

May 24 Plasterers finished work today. Planted corn and sprayed orchard.

May 25 Set 170 tomatoe plants by the Root Cellar.

May 26 Charles Russell, ex '02, here working on "Pilgrim".

May 27 Baseball game this afternoon. Team D won from Team C, 14 to 10.

Richard H. Hanson, '21, was here for the week end.

Set out 1500 cabbage and cauliflower plants.

May 28 Memorial Day exercises directed by Cottage Row Government were held this afternoon at the School cemetery.

May 29 Charles D. Smith a member of the class of '22, died this morning at the home of his mother in Somerville.

May 31 The members of the First Class '22, with two Instructors, attended the funeral of their classmate Charles D. Smith this afternoon.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

AS KEPT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

May 8 The first Friends' Day of this season, and a very pleasant one. Everybody appeared very happy.

May 9 Pleasant, sowed barley and grass seed. Prepared ground for potatoes. Wrought in gardens.

May 14 Four masons, two painters and one carpenter here, also a paper hanger.

May 23 Planted corn at South End.

May 31 We have had the schoolroom, recitation room, west sleeping room and stairway thoroughly overhauled, painted, sheathed, papered, etc., so that they are all now in perfect order. We have a mantle grate set in the best family dining-room, the walls papered and woodwork painted. We also had a cement coating put over the cellar bottom, a great improvement, and many other items of minor importance attended to. I am glad that all is done, and the workmen gone. Our premises are now in good condition.

May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 83° on the 29th and 26th.

Minimum Temperature 76° on the 29th.

Mean Temperature for the month 60°.

Total precipitation 2.55 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.29 inches on the 5th.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 18 clear days, 6 partly cloudy, 7 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

RESOURCES	
U. S. Securities	$500.00
Other Investments	340.94
Cash	211.00
	$1051.94
LIABILITIES	
Surplus	$334.24
Deposits	717.70
	$1051.94

Giving Out Seeds.

Last night I was told if I wanted my seeds I could get them up at the gardens. I got some Chinese pinks, coxcombs, and zinnias. I have my garden almost planted now and I expect some flowers pretty soon. I have three balsams up about an inch high. I like my garden very much and late in summer the gardens are a beauty spot of our Island. GEORGE L. LANGILL

Taking the Cows to Pasture

This morning the Farm Instructor told the Barn Boys to let the cows out. We opened the barn door and they made a terrific rush to get out, for it was their first chance to go to pasture this year. We left them out for two hours. We then brought them in again.

CLARENCE P. HOBSON

Baseball Schedule for 1922

May 6	Saturday	A—B
May 13	Saturday	C—D
May 20	Saturday	A—D
May 27	Saturday	B—D
May 31	Wednesday	Grad.—A
June 3	Saturday	A—D
June 10	Saturday	B—C
June 21	Wednesday	A—B
June 24	Saturday	C—D
June 28	Wednesday	Grad.—B
July 1	Saturday	A—C
July 8	Saturday	B—D
July 12	Wednesday	A—D
July 15	Saturday	B—C
July 19	Wednesday	Grad.—C
July 22	Saturday	A—B
July 26	Wednesday	C—D
July 29	Saturday	A—C
Aug. 5	Saturday	B—D
Aug. 12	Saturday	A—D
Aug. 19	Saturday	B—C
Aug. 23	Wednesday	Grad.—D

Planting Cucumber Seeds

One day I was told to go with the Farm line. When I got to the Barn, I put on a pair of overalls and went to the gardens to plant seeds. We first took a shovel, dug a hole about 8 inches deep and then a boy came along and put manure in it, and then another boy put dirt over this. Soon a boy came along wiih cucumber seeds which he put in. Then a boy spread more dirt over the seeds, forming a place for a group of plants to grow. FREDERICK R. METCALF

Planting Beans

One day four boys were told to go to the gardens and plant beans. First we put out a line to go by, then one boy went along and dug holes with a hoe, about one foot apart. The next boy dropped a few beans in each hole and another boy covered them over with dirt. We planted four rows, then we came up to the Barn.

STANLEY W. HIGGINS

Setting Cannon Balls

Around various buildings and at corners of some of our lawns etc. we have cannon balls placed. They are set in small wooden plates which are round and hollowed in order to set evenly on the ground. This morning I went around and set those up which had rolled out of place. They will be washed and painted black.

LEANDER E. DOREY

Magazines

Last Sunday the Supervisor brought a small pile of magazines down from the Reading Room to distribute among the Boys. Some of them were "Motor Boating", "National Geographic" "Youths Companion", The Country Gentleman" and a few others. JACK H. HOBSON

Working in the Pig Pens

Every morning I go up to the House and get some paper. I then go to the Pig Pens, get some wood, and with the paper and wood, I build a fire in the boiler room in order to get the soup warm to feed the pigs. I make the soup every two or three days. I then clean up around and keep the fire going to have the feed warm at noon. LEON G. ANDREWS

Our Cottage Row Taxes

Every six months the citizens of Cottage Row pay taxes. The shareholders of Cottage Row, pay the Government so much for each share owned in a cottage. The other Boys also pay something (who are not shareholders) for the use of the playground. The officers of Cottage Row are also paid by the Government through the Treasury, and they have to pay their poll tax. Each boy in this way, uses the Farm and Trades School Bank, and he makes out a check to the Treasurer of Cottage Row. The Treasurer indorses all these and handing them in at the Bank, gets his money.

SAMUEL L. WHITEHEAD

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

James H. Graham, '77, President
Boston

William F. Davis, '79, Vice-President
Chelsea

Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, Vice-President
Cambridge

Merton P. Ellis, '97, Secretary
25 Rockdale Street, Boston 26.

Augustus N. Doe, '75, Treasurer
Wellesley

Howard F. Lochrie, '16, Historian
West Roxbury

Clifford G. Leonard, '17, who entered Hebron Academy upon leaving here, is now located in Ithica, New York. His address is 324 College Avenue.

William Alcott, '84, and Mrs. Alcott, who have been spending the winter in Florida, have returned to the their home at 134 Garland Street, Everett, Massachusetts.

William T. Marcus, '20, writes interest-n gly of his work in a printing office in South Portland, Maine. His address is 194 High St.

Norman Moss, '20, has moved from 314 Cambridge Street, Boston, to 273 Main Street, Watertown 72, Mass.

Ralph L. Langille, '19, has left the School to enter the Massachusetts Nautical School.

Desmond O. Anderson, '21, has left the School to live with Selwyn G. Tinkham, '89, who has a farm in Bridgewater, Mass.

Getting Shavings

A few days ago several other boys and I made a trip to City Point to get fifty bales of shavings for the cows bedding. The Scow was up on the beach so we had to make two trips with the Steamer with 25 bales each trip.

Ralph S. Blake

Check Lists

In the Schoolroom our teacher keeps a check list for each class. When a boy is checked she puts a mark beside his name. I have not been checked all the winter in school. We are trying hard not to be checked so we can have a clean record.

Bertrand R. Easton

Churning Butter

One morning I asked my Instructor if I could make butter. She said that I could. I went down stairs and got the butter churn. I let the hot water run on it. I then rinsed it with cold water. I put cream in it and began to churn. After I had churned it quite awhile the cream turned into butter. Then I let the buttermilk out. The butter was then ready to be put into pounds. I like churning butter very much.

Henry E. Gilchrist

Bugle Calls

There are five buglers and the calls are assigned to them. These boys are to be around on time to blow their calls. The calls are as follows:

Waldo E. Libby
Reveille and Retreat
John M. Levis
To The Colors and Taps
A. M. Mess and Assembly
A. M. and P. M. Church
Harold B. Buchan
A. M. Mess and Assembly
Russell Metcalf
1.00 o'clock Assembly
P. M. Mess and Assembly

John M. Levis

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GRADUATION DAY

Graduation Day

Of all days, to which we look forward during the year, Graduation is the most important. This day usually brings about a change for several of the boys who graduate. It means that they have finished one course and are ready for another.

This year it came on Tuesday, June 13. Much time was spent in preparation for the event. At 2:15 the Nantasket boat came with our friends, and the boys, with the Band leading, met them and escorted them to the place where the exercises were to be held. At intervals over the grounds were poles with banners of blue and gold; the school colors. The exercises were held on the East Lawn. The platform was decorated with flowers. When all were seated the programmes were given out and the exercises began. The speaker of the day was Hon. Cameron Forbes who was introduced by President Arthur Adams. His general theme was the im portance of being prepared.

The programme follows:

PROGRAMME

Selection—Tannhauser — Wagner
Band

Prayer
Rev. Howard A. Morton

Salutatory and Essay — A History of Our School
Robert Franklin Thompson

Song—To Thee O Country — Eichberg
School

Class Prophecy
Randall Grey Thornton

Cornet Solo — Prismatic Polka
Waldo Edwin Libby

Valedictory and Essay — Cottage Row
Edward Valdemar Osberg

Selection By The Class

Song — School Song
School

Introduction of Speaker
President Arthur Adams

Address
Hon. W. Cameron Forbes

Presentation of Diplomas
Mr. Swasey

March—The Stars and Stripes Forever — Sousa
Band

Song—America The Beautiful — Samuel A. Ward
School

CLASSES COMPLETING COURSES

LITERARY

Archibald V. N. Beeman
Robert J. Buchanan
Henry P. Clifford
John P. Davidson
Kenneth L. Drown
John M. Ely, Jr.
Arthur W. Gaunt
Kenneth E. Kearns
Howard E. Keith
Waldo E. Libby
David E. Long
Seymour C. McFadyen
Alexander McKenzie
Mahlon H. Montieth
Edward V. Osberg
Edward J. Robertson
Charles C. Shaw
Barton N. Slade
Willis M. Smith
Robert F. Thompson
Randall G. Thornton
William H. Waring
Willis A. West

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Robert F. Thompson
Randall G. Thornton
Wyllis A. West

FORGING

Harold B. Buchan
Malcolm E. Cameron
Robert J. Giese
Alexander McKenzie
Eric O. Shippers
William H. Waring

ESSAYS PREPARED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1922

Wheat	Archibald V. N. Beeman
The Art of Printing	Robert J. Buchanan
Benjamin Franklin	Henry P. Clifford
The Alaskan Railway	John P. Davidson
Poultry	Kenneth L. Drown
Steam Boilers	John M. Ely, Jr.
The Boats of Our Island	Arthur W. Gaunt
Baseball	Kenneth E. Kearns
The Advantages of a Country Boy	Howard E. Keith
Transportation	Waldo E. Libby
Steel Manufacture	David E. Long
The Story of Cotton	Seymour C. McFadyen
Horticulture	Alexander McKenzie
Our Observatory	Mahlon H. Montieth
Cabinet Making	Edward J. Robertson
Pleasures of Our School	Charles C. Shaw
History of Our Band	Barton N. Slade
The Farm Buildings	Willis M. Smith
Radio Broadcasting	William H. Waring
General Farming	Wyllis A. West

CLASS OFFICERS

President	John M. Ely, Jr.
Vice-President	David E. Long
Secretary and Treasurer	Edward V. Osberg
Entertainment Committee	Arthur W. Gaunt, Chair.

Willis M. Smith Waldo E. Libby Kenneth E. Kearns

CLASS MOTTO - - - "Climbing Up"

Kenneth E. Kearns

Baccalaureate Sunday

It is the custom every year for the graduating class to attend church in town the Sunday before graduation.

This year we went to Phillips Congregational Church, South Boston, where Rev. Howard Morton is pastor. Several instructors went with us.

We left the Island at 9:30 on the steamer, "Pilgrim", for City Point. Here we boarded a car for the church.

Dr. Bancroft, our well loved school physician is clerk of Phillips church. He met us and conducted us to our seats.

It happened to be Children's Sunday so the choir, with children, gave special music. We enjoyed it very much. A baptismal service was a part of the service.

After this the Rev. Howard Morton spoke to us very earnestly. The sermon and service impressed us deeply. We reached home about 1 o'clock.

Waldo E. Libby

The Constellation Ride

On June 13, about noon some of our boys saw the "Constellation" coming into the harbor. The news spread quickly and we watched her until she anchored. We exchanged salutes. The "Constellation" is the flagship of the Eastern Yacht Club and is owned by Commodore Sears. It is about 210 feet long and 30 feet wide. Her hull is black and she has a red waterline. She has two masts which carry six sails. These are two top sails, two jibs, a main sail and fore sail. Her decks and sails are very clean. Commodore Sears, brother of one of our honored Managers, Mr. Philip Sears, takes us for a ride every year. This year the family of Mr. Philip Sears were aboard, too. Mr. Adams and some of our instructors were also invited to go. Wednesday morning proved to be fair. After doing the necessary work we changed into our uniforms and sneakers. We went to the wharf where the launch "Winslow" and the boat "Mary Chilton" took us to the yacht which was anchored just off our Wharf. As we went aboard we were greeted by the Commodore and his brother. We soon started. Commodore Sears kindly loaned us some marine glasses. As I was looking through these a sailor asked me if I could see England. We had a very pleaseant trip and later refreshments were served, which consisted of lemonade, ice cream, sandwiches, cake and a box of candy for each individual. We all had a wonderful time. We thank Commodore Sears and his brother for all they did for us.

Howard E. Keith

Alumni Field Day

Saturday, June 17, the Alumni Field Day was held. Each year on this holiday, members of the Alumni Association come to the Island to enjoy a day together and give the boys a good time.

About ten o'clock in the forenoon the band marched to the Wharf and met the visitors who came in the John Alden and the Pilgrim. The Band escorted them to the Front Lawn where some announcements were made and the Alumni were welcomed by Mr. Swasey. The remainder of the day was in the hands of the Association.

The members of the Graduating Class were guests of the Alumni at dinner. After this came the sports. There were all kinds of scrambles for money, candy, and doughnuts. These were enjoyed along with other races and contests. Each year either the Alumni and School have a game of baseball or the married and single men have a game. This year the Alumni and the School played. The School won by the score of 17-8. During the game it began to rain, consequently dancing began in the Assembly Hall which continued until five o'clock, when the members of the Alumni went home. Everybody was happy and the Boys realized the last occasion of a happy week was over.

Robert F. Thompson

Who's Who

Whoever you are be noble,
Whatever you do, do well;
Whenever you speak, speak kindly;
Bring cheer wherever you dwell.

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A visitor told us the story of some brave young men who lost their lives ascending a very high, difficult mountain.

To commemorate their courage, ambition and valor, a fitting inscription was later carved in the rocky mountain side The words of this memorial were nobly, yet simply stated — "They died while climbing up".

We were greatly impressed with the visitor and story. It combined those qualities we admire and wish to encourage and foster. Those incomparable foundations of sturdy character — thoughtfulness, simplicity, ambition and courage.

The two words, "Climbing Up" were immediately chosen as a fitting motto by the class of boys that would soon graduate.

The life of an individual is expressed by activity and should embody progress. Certainly, life never stands still. If it does not mean progress, which is one word for "Climbing Up", it means its opposite.

There are various mountain heights ahead of each one of us. One sends out a challenge, which appeals to one boy, while another proves all alluring to his neighbor. This is true of every group or community.

It is not a vital matter which height is selected. For one it may be a first class farmer, another an efficient engineer, perhaps a skillful carpenter, maybe a careful printer, or an honorable business man. The main business is to decide to climb and do it with energy, enthusiasm, pride and determination. Strength and ability will surely develop as required.

To obtain the goal it is absolutely essential that we keep climbing with eyes toward the sun and clouds.

Will there be difficulties? Yes,—the

mountain side of life, like the Andes of South America, like the Alps of Switzerland and Himalyas of Asia, is strewn with various obstacles. What are they? Simply things to be overcome and forgotten, Mt. Everest still remains unattainable to man. Someday the airoplane will conquer this haughty monarch.

Are there heights we cannot attain? Perhaps so, but there is surely a means by which we may conquer, if we keep the mountain peaks in sight and keep our faces to the light. We shall live by "climbing up".

Calendar

June 1 Cleaning beach.

Second Friends' Day, 175 people were present, Manager W. B. Foster was also here for the afternoon.

June 2 Harrowed, rolled and planted ground rear of Cottage Row. Sowed piece by South End tidegate to millet,

June 3 Baseball game this afternoon, Team A defeated Team D 17 to 7.

Herbert L. Dudley, '16, and Wesley C. Angell, '17, visiting the School over the week end.

Charles Russell, '02, is here to overhaul the steamer's engine.

June 4 Rev. Vaughn Dabney of the Second Church of Dorchester, gave the boys an interesting talk this afternoon. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dabney, Howard B. Ellis, '99, and Mrs. Ellis and friends. They rendered a number of musical selections.

June 5 Pilgrim up on blocks to be painted and repairs made on the engine. Cylinders are being rebored and new pistons are being made.

June 6 Blacksmith here.

Began cultivating corn and potatoes.

June 7 Managers T. J. Evans and Philip S. Sears were here for the afternoon.

June 9 Mowing in grove west of the Main Building. Set up new horse rake.

June 10 This afternoon Team C beat Team B at baseball 27-17.

June 11 Sunday. The Graduating Class attended Phillip's Church, South Boston, where their Baccalaureate sermon was given by Rev. Howard B. Morton.

June 12 Started mowing alfalfa by Farm House.

June 13 Graduation Day. Excercises on East Lawn. Speaker Honorable W. Cameron Forbes.

Present of the Board of Managers: President Arthur Adams, Vice-president Charles E. Mason, Secretary Tucker Daland, Managers W. B. Foster, T. J. Evans, Philip S. Sears and I. Tucker Burr.

Class Dance in the evening. Wesley C. Angell, '17 and orchestra, assisted by Howard B. Ellis, 99, provided music.

The Yacht "Constellation" anchored off Wharf this afternoon. The Pilgrim saluted the "Constellation" as she came to anchor.

Picked first green peas and beet greens.

June 14 Sail on "Constellation" by invitation of Commodore Herbert M. Sears for all the boys. Manager Philip S. Sears, President Arthur Adams, Mr. Swasey and nine instructors were also guests of Mr. Sears on the sail.

Picked 29 quarts of cherries.

June 15 Automobile trip for the Graduating Class to Concord and Lexington, through the kindness of President Arthur Adams. Instructors' outing, ride to Glocester, also provided by Mr. Adams.

Mowed playground.

June 16 Second group of instructors go on outing to Gloucester. Dance for instructors and their friends in the evening. Mr. Ellis here to assist with the music.

June 17 Alumni Field Day. About 150 people here. Luncheon on Side Lawn and games on Playground in afternoon. Baseball game between the Alumni and School teams, School team winning. Dancing in the Assembly Hall.

June 18 Randall G. Thornton, '22, left the School to live with his mother in Plymouth N. H.

June 19 Set out 75 pepper plants.

Robert J. Buchanan, '22, left the School to live with his sister in Cambridge, William Waring, '22, with his aunts in Mt. Clair, N. J., Arthur Gaunt, '22, with his father in Chicago.

June 20 David Long, '22, left the School to live with his father in Dorchester, Mahlon Montieth, '22, to live with his aunt in Lynn.

Kenneth Drown, '22, left the School to join his guardian on a trip to San Francisco. Daniel Smith, '20, and Willis Smith, '22, left to help their mother in Somerville, Mass.

June 22 Picked 70 quarts cherries.

Team A defeated Team B 22 to 6 at baseball this evening.

June 23 Mowed alfalfa north of gardens.

Gift of plants for boys' gardens from R. & J. Farquhar Co.

June 24 Picked 10 quarts of cherries

Team D played Team C at baseball this afternoon. Team D won 12 to 7.

June 25 Sunday. Band concert this afternoon.

June 26 First hay in the barn today.

State inspection of cattle.

South Side float scraped and repaired.

Repairing of roofs began today under supervision of Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '99.

June 27 John Davidson, '22, left the School to live with his sister in Mattapan, Henry Clifford, '22, left to live with his parents in Ashland Mass., and Chester Shaw to live with his father in Brockton.

June 28 Finished picking cherries today.

June 30 Robert Dill, ex, '24, left the School to live with mother in Willoughby Vermont.

Fifty-seven boys went for their furloughs, others to go later.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

As Kept by the Superintendent

June 5 The second Visiting or Friends' Day of the season as appointed but it rained so hard that no boat came, a great disappointment to all concerned.

June 6 Wind east and still uncomfortable, some rain. The boat came with very few visitors and Mr. S. G. DeBlois.

June 8 Went with eight boys to attend the funeral of our dear friend the Rev. Charles Cleaveland. We walked as guard of honor from his house in Springfield St. to the church of the Rev. Dr. Webb, and sat near his remains during the services, which were impressive. Mr. Cleaveland would have been 100 years old if he had lived until the 21st of this month. . . . This was one of his best loved institutions. He loved its patrons especially Deacon Grant.

June 17 Today witnesses the opening of the long talked of, long expected "World's Peace Jubilee". I attended as one of the 30,000 chorus . . . . Our brass band attended today.

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 87° on the 7th and 8th.

Minimum Temperature 54° on the 19th.

Mean Temperature for the month 67°

Total precipitation 2.33 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.50 on the 21st.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 7 clear days, 6 partly cloudy, 17 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, July 1, 1922

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$500.00
Other Investments	340.94
Cash.	115.68
	$956.62

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$334.24
Deposits	622.38
	$956.62

The Graduation Dance

It was held, as usual, in the Assembly Hall, which was prettily decorated with crêpe paper, a rose arbor, flowers and a huge F. T. S. banner. At eight o'clock the Orchestra, composed of drums, banjo, trumpet, trombone, and piano, played a selection. With the next number dancing started. The first dance was led by Mr. Swasey and the next dances, with the exception of those led by our instructors, were led by the boys. Refreshments, consisting of cake, cookies, ice cream, and fruit punch were served during intermission. At the close of the evening we went to bed very happy as it had been a very eventful day for us.

Archibald V. N. Beeman

Alumni Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on May 10th, at the Parker House, Boston. The following graduates were admitted to membership. Clifton E. Albee, '21, Aldevin A. Lammi, '20, Irving M. Barnby, '16, Osmond W. Bursiel, '20, Clarence H. Colburn, '21, Theodore B. Hadley, '21, Luke W. B. Halfyard, '21, Ralph L. Langille, '19, Eric O. Schippers, '21, John H. Schippers, '21, Ernest E. Slocomb, '16, Daniel E. Smith, '20.

Announcement was made of a gift of $1,000.00 from Charles H. Bradley and of $300.00 from the ladies of the Alumni, the result of a fair held last fall. These to be added to the Alumni Fund.

The Committee on revision of the By-Laws reported on a plan to abolish annual dues, the final report to be presented at the annual meeting.

A Trip to Concord

Each succeeding year through the kindness of President Arthur Adams the Graduating Class is given an auto ride to Concord and Lexington, over the Paul Revere route. This year the day selected was June 15th. We left the Island about 1 P. M. on the steamer Pilgrim. We went to the landing of the South Boston Yacht Club. We waited a short time for an auto-bus of the White Line to come. This carried the entire class including three instructors. The first point of interest was the Public Gardens of Boston, one of the most beautiful places in the city. We proceeded to Copley Square where we met Mr. Adams who joined us for the ride. We greatly appreciated his presence and gave three cheers as he entered the bus. We then proceeded to Cambridge, we saw, the Washington Elm, Harvard and Radcliffe colleges besides many other places of interest. We next visited Lexington Green. Here we saw the place where Captain John Parker said, "Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have war let it begin here". We were told many other things about Lexington Green.

We went to Concord and had our pictures taken in front of the statue of the minute man. On the statue the following words are inscribed.

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood, their flag to Aprils breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood, and fired the shot heard round the world.

Seymour C. McFadyen

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The annual Alumni Field Day was held on June 17. The members of the Association and their guests arrived at the Island soon after 10 o'clock. They were met by Acting Superintendent Swasey, the instructors and the Band, and were escorted to the Front Lawn where a brief business session of the association took place.

President James H. Graham, '77 presided. Thomas J. Evans, '64 very fittingly recalled the memory of the late Superintendent Charles H. Bradley. He then introduced to the Association Acting Superintendent Paul F. Swasey, who welcomed the Association and their guests and extended to them the courtesies of the Island. A feature of the meeting was the presence of S. B. Holman, '50, the oldest graduate of the School. He spoke briefly of the days he spent here as a student.

The contribution to the Alumni fund, made annually at this time, was $27 38. The total fund is at present $6743.

The business session was followed by a picnic luncheon on the North Lawn. The members of the Graduating Class were guests of the Alumni at this outing. In the afternoon there were various races and contests. A baseball game was played between between members of the Alumni and the School in which the latter were victorious. The latter part of the afternoon was devoted to dancing in the Assembly Hall.

Those who attended were as follows:

Adams, Russell A.
Walter Burns
Akerstrom, D. Beach
Alcott, George J.
Alcott, William
Miss Louise Alcott
Allen, Eldred W.
Anderson, Oscar D.
Angell, Wesley C.
Bacon, Wallace A.
Bell, George L. & Mrs.
Mr. & Mrs. J. I. McLeod
Bell, Richard & Mrs.
Bemis, Edmund S.
Bemis, Elwyn C.
Blatchford, Charles A.
Miss Amy Ellstrom
" Margaret McKenzie
Bradley, Charles H. Jr. & Mrs
Mrs. Mary C, Bradley
Miss Nellie B. Brewster
" Fannie L. Walton
Brasher, Sherman G.
Mrs. Mattie Hazen
Buchan, George
Buchan, Chester W.
Buchan, Harold B.
Cameron, Malcolm E.
Capaul, Edward & Mrs.
Miss Myrtle J. Capaul
Clark, Robert L.
Craig, Ernest
Colburn, Clarence H.
Mrs. D. H. Colburn
Darling, Norman W.
Mrs. Rena Darling
Miss Gladys Goodwin
Dudley, Herbert L.
Miss Dorothy Lewis
Dudley, Robert E.
Miss Gladys Taylor
Durgin, Cyrus W.
Mrs. M. P. Durgin
Davis, Will F. & Mrs.
Mrs. Eva Gordon
" White
Miss Constance Gordon
" Phylis Gordon
" Gordon
Charles Gordon
Ellis, Donald W.
Ellis, Howard B.
Ellis, Merton P. & Mrs.
Emery, Claire R.
Mrs. S. C. Colson
" M. E. Smart
Miss Catherine Saunders
Evans, Thomas J.
Mrs. M. E. Shurtleff
Fearing, Frederick P.
Foster, Walter B. & Mrs.
Goodhue, John Jr.
Gould, Webster S.
Graham, James H. & Mrs.
Miss Edith Robertson
" Louise Robertson
Green, Elmer W.
Haskins, Mrs. Maude D.
Miss Esther Haskins
" Ruth Haskins
" Elba Hurtle
" May Swift
Holman, Solomn B.
Mrs. Matson
Miss Matson
Master Matson
Howard, Otis
Jacobs, Alfred W.
Miss Marjorie L. Foster
Kirwin, Walter J.
Leach, Hubert N.
Miss L. McHenry
Larsson, G. George
Herbert Forsell
Lochrie, Howard F.
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C. W. Loud, Jr.
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Nelson, Jackson C.
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Ramsdell, Eugene S.
Riggs, George R.
Rouse, Joseph B.
Russell, Charles W. & Mrs.
Sargent John & Mrs.
Sherman, John L.
Miss Harriet Cram
Mr. William Cram
Slocom, Ernest E. & Mrs.
Miss Edith Hilton
Mr. Maxwell Hilton
Thayer, Frederick P. & Mrs.
Warren, Floyd A.
Mrs. Grace Warren
Miss Kitty Porter
" Grace Moyer
" Isabelle Moyer
" Jessie Moyer
" Jessie I. Moyer
William Moyer
Washburn, Francis L. & Mrs.
Miss Bettie Dixon
John Bragg
Wyatt, Norman R.

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MAIN BUILDING

The New Course

Owing to circumstances, each year following graduation, several boys have remained at the School for one or more years. Others leave to enter some high school or academy.

For a long time, Mr. Bradley and the Managers had felt the need of giving the boys who remained some advanced work. A few had pursued correspondence courses and did individual work as their tastes dictated. Finally last year, Mr. Bradley conceived a plan whereby the boys could have an hour each day in the classroom. The teachers did this in addition to their regular work. In this way the boys had lessons in Algebra, English and General History. All realized this could be only a temporary arrangement.

When school opened this year, another teacher was engaged to help carry along the work. Seven boys who did advanced work last year form the First Class and in addition to the advanced studies pursued last year, we have General Science, Book-keeping besides Agriculture two days

a week. Ten boys who graduated this year form the Second Class and pursue the studies of first year high school.

During vacation, by putting a partition in the second schoolroom a new room was made. It is 30 feet long, 13 feet wide, and 11 feet high. It is completely furnished with seventeen boys' desks, and one teacher's desk, which are all new. The boys' desks are 16 inches long and two feet wide. The chair and desk are combined. Under the seat is a drawer in which we keep our books and other materials. The desk is equipped with an apparatus to adjust it for reading, writing and drawing purposes. The inkwell swings out from under the desk.

This new course began July 24. The First Class goes to school from seven to half past nine. Two mornings during the week the rest of the morning is given up to a class in Agriculture. The Second Class goes to school from one to half past three. Two afternoons each week this class has the rest of the afternoon for Drawing.

We are all pleased to be able to take this advanced course. Hitherto, the boys who remained did not have this privilege. Henceforth, each boy will have the advantage and privilege of high school instruction.

Clifton E. Albee

An Interesting Experience

One night when I was on my vacation I went down to a friend's who has a large wireless receiving set. The set consists of a Westinghouse R. C. combination, 3 radiotron vacuum tubes, magnavox loud speaker, storage A battery and two variable B batteries. The first station we heard was W. G. I., the Medford station stopped for awhile, which all radiophone stations have to do often, to listen for S. O. S. calls which might come from some ship in distress at sea. We then tuned in W. J. Z., Newark, N. J., station owned and operated by the Western Electric Co. A reader was telling an Irish story, soon Medford came in which completly drowned Newark, being much nearer and practically the same wave length, 360 meters. We then tuned up to 412 meters wave length and picked up the signals from the U. S. Naval Air Station No. F at Anosota, Wash. There the marine band was playing Washington Post March. Soon afterwards we heard two radiophone stations at Worcester, Mass.

By that time Medford had signed off so we tuned down and got Newark again and heard a fine concert. Soon W. A. A. J., the Eastern Radio Institute of Boston, started broadcasting, where there was a man playing a piano. We then tuned in W. D. Z., the Westinghouse station at Springfield, Mass. It was then 10:30 so I thought I had better go home. My friend said he was going to stay up awhile longer and see what else he could pick up.

Alexander Y. Davison

Braves Field Fireworks

As it rained on the Fourth of July, I thought I would miss seeing the fireworks, but I guess they knew I was to return from my vacation Friday, so they had them Thursday night. I went up on the roof of our apartment and watched the fireworks from Cambridge and other places until Braves Field started up. Finally the rockets started to go up. Every time one would go off it would sound like heavy artillery and then a great crash would follow. Once two big green lights went off and they seemed to light the whole city. They were very interesting and I was very glad to see them.

Herbert E. Wright

The Clam Bake

One night after the Boys came from supper one of us asked for a swim. We were told that we might have one later.

During the night hour some of the boys worked down on the Beach. In a large hole they made a fire and a lot of large stones were put in it. We guessed that it was for a clam bake.

Shortly after seven o'clock the Boys went for a swim. While they were in swimming some of us volunteered to help get the fire ready to steam the clams. First we put out the fire and put a lot of seaweed over it. This wet seaweed coming in contact with the hot stones made a lot of steam. We put a large piece of canvas over the seaweed. The clams and lobsters were then spread over this. They were covered with another piece of canvas. We also built a fire over which we melted butter. There were several tables covered with good things to eat.

The Boys having had their swim came over to the fire where they talked and amused themselves. The Instructors also came. As it grew dark some electric lights were turned on.

Finally the clams were well steamed. Each boy received some clams and butter. Then pickles, rolls, ginger pop and lobsters were passed. The clams were done finely and everybody enjoyed them. After everybody had finished we took the glasses and dishes to the dining room and to our astonishment found that it was nearly eleven o'clock.

All the Boys enjoyed the clam bake and we all were thankful to those who made it possible for us to have such a good time.

Theodore B. Hadley

Thinning Out Onions

Monday and Tuesday we hoed cucumbers. After we had finished we went over to the onions and started thinning them out. We put them in piles, and another boy came along, picked them up, and took them down to a box to be cut up. There were six and one-half rows of onions We finished them Wednesday morning.

Elbridge H. Edson

Picking Cucumbers

One morning the farm instructor sent two other boys and me over to the cucumber bed to pick the cucumbers that were ready. We got a bushel box and then started. We picked about a bushel and returned to the barn to report to the farm instructor. He sent us to the house with the load.

Clarence E. Stevens

Taking Millet to the Barn

One day we were pitching hay, when the farm instructor told us to go down in the millet field and wait until he came. After we had the wagon full we went to the barn to unload it. Two boys threw it off while the rest took it into the barn on pitch forks and made a big pile of it. The cows like this because it is green.

Jack H. Hobson

The Scow Ride

Sunday the Supervisor told the band boys to go to the Band Hall, and get their instruments. The rest of the boys took the music racks and chairs, and everybody went to the Wharf. The boys with the racks and chairs, put them in the scow and stayed until the Band came and was seated. Then every one else got in a comfortable position. The scow was lashed to the steamer with ropes so that it couldn't float away. The Band played some very good selections while on the ride. I hope there will be another scow ride soon.

James Libby

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Their are various kinds of dreamers in the world—idle, visionary and practcal. Perhaps all serve a purpose in a world which is ever changing and contains a multi-varied condition of men and affairs

True it is, that all man-made things first existed in someone's brain. In other words they were the dreams of some person or group of persons. Since we form a practical school and practical community, we have use principally for the practical dreamer.

Fulton dreamed of a steam driven boat, Morse of telegraphic messages, Cyrus Field of ocean cables, Alexander Graham Bell of telephone communication, the great Lincoln of a country free for all men under one government, Edison dreamed of possibilities of electricity, Marconi of wireless, and a vast number of others, all these dreams have come true in practical fashion for the benefit of the great public.

Over a hundred years ago a man dreamed of a home and school for boys who were living exposed to temptations from which a good home protects them. With the help and suggestions of others this dream came true. We reap its benefits today. Should we not pause occasionally to bless and honor his memory with others who have nobly carried along this work.

As time passed the dreams ot others have come true, so today we live in comparative comfort. Yet we are again in the midst of realizing the practical benefit of a long felt need and desire. This idea and dream has been in the backgrounds of many minds for years. We hope it is still

in the embryo stage and out of this beginning will evolve still better things.

The Board of Managers made it possible for us to have an additional course of two years. A good carpenter, with necessary materials and tools made two rooms from one. With space, books, teachers and proper equipment we feel a golden opportunity has been givenus. We realize the golden key is in our hands. The Managers have accomplished their part for which we are grateful. With industry, application, zeal and enthusiasm, which form our golden key, the fields of Algebra, English, Science, History, Bookkeeping and Agriculture will open their gates for us to enter.

We are proud and happy that in our time this splendid dream has come true in a practical, living reality. Truly the prophet of old spoke wisely when he said a community shall flourish, when, "Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams".

Calendar

July 1 Barton N. Slade, '22, left the School to live with his mother in Waltham, Mass.

July 2 Boys and Instructors enjoyed picnic on Wharf and a sail around the Harbor.

Glen Furbush, '19, here to help on farm during remainder of summer vacation.

F. Clifford Shaw, former farm instructor, visited the School during the afternoon.

Earle C. Marshall, '13, Mrs. Marshall and son here for a brief visit.

July 4 Rain. Water races this morning.

Manager W. B. Foster visiting the School for the day.

Ball game this afternoon.

July 5 Carpenter here for a few days to make alterations to schoolrooms for new courses.

July 6 Fireworks this evening.

July 7 Planted spar bouy off City Point.

Fifty-one boys returned from furloughs.

July 11 John M. Ely, '22, left the School to live with his father in Boston.

The Advanced Class team defeated Team B at baseball tonight 17 to 4.

July 12 Admission Committee meeting this morning. Seventeen new boys admitted to the School: Albion Olson, Howard Costello, Edgar and Walter Richardson, James Eustis, Wentworth Chittenden, Elbridge Edson, Francis Floyd, Harold Scott, Anton Ericcson, James Libby, William Young, William Hall, Cecil Morse, Robert Ellis, Paul Butts and Howard Sturtevant.

Manager T. J. Evans came over this afternoon for a visit of a few days.

July 14 Team A beat Team C 11 to 2 tonight.

The Pilgrim was brought back from Lawley's today where she had been undergoing repairs.

Interesting meeting of the Observatory staff this evening.

July 15 Baseball game this afternoon Team B won from Team C 12 to 10.

July 17 Plasterers here for a few days.

Roofers finished work today.

June 18 Arthur Beane, visited the School this afternoon.

July 19 Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, and Clarence W. Loud, '96, spent the afternoon and evening here.

Clam bake on Beach near Wharf tonight.

Boilers in the Pilgrim and Power House were inspected today.

July 21 Osmond W. Bursiel, '20, left the School today to go to Newport, Vermont where he will make his home with Mr. Frank Burns.

Plasterers finished work in new schoolroom today.

July 22 Towed Manager Arthur Adams's boat "Dolphin" from Lawley's Shipyard this morning.

New boat crew out for first practice this afternoon.

Team A defeated Team B 12 fo 5 this afternoon.

July 23 Sunday. Band concert this afternoon.

July 24 School opened today having been closed for summer vacation.

July 27 A Caucus was held tonight to appoint committees to nominate new officers for Cottage Row.

July 28 School Band reorganized for coming year.

July 29 Baseball game this afternoon Team C won from Team A 11 to 6.

July 31 New type for printing office arrived today.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

As Kept by the Superintendent

July 4. Passed quietly with us.

Opened and got in some hay before the tornado and shower which occurred about 2:30 P. M., after which a good deal of rain fell. Too wet for fire-works this eve.

July 16. Rose at 4:00 o'clock and went to mowing with the machine. Mowed until 7:00. Men mowing black grass, and hoeing.

July 23. Good weather. Got in 9 loads of hay, two men reaping rye.

July 25. Went to sail with Mr. and Mrs. DeBlois and friends down the harbor.

July 26. What a contrast to yesterday! So rainy, and my hay out. Too bad!

July 30. Charles Sumner Murray, Benjamin Franklin Murray, Henry Wilson Murray, triplets, age 15 years, leave this institution today after a residence of 9 years here. They are intelligent, healthy boys. Neither of them have been sick during the nine years of their stay here. I hope a bright future awaits them.

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 90° on the 13th.

Minimum Temperature 55° on the 20th.

Mean Temperature for the month 69°

Total precipitation 5.29 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .88 on the 24th.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 2 partly cloudy, 15 cloudy.

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	$1023.41

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Putting Away Flag Poles

There were about 25 flag poles flying the school colors, which helped to decorate about the house and the grounds on graduation day. I helped put them away. We took the poles out of the ground and carried them up the fire escape and put them in, through the loft window, and up on some beams, where they will stay for the winter.

Alton B. Butler

The Fourth of July

The boys that did not go on a vacation had just as good a time the Fourth, if not better, than the boys who went. It rained during the day but we did not mind it.

In the morning we had swimming races which included all kinds of diving and swimming under water and from the float to the shore.

After these races were over we went to the building where a sack of roasted peanuts was brought out and scrambled. The boys were given over half of the sack of peanuts.

For dinner we had watermelon for dessert.

It stopped raining in the afternoon so that we could play baseball.

After supper we went down to the Beach and collected wood for a bonfire but it rained so hard that we decided to have it some other night. Two nights later we had our fun toasting marshmallows and shooting off fireworks. Before we went away we put out the fire. When we went to bed we certainly felt happy after having such a good time.

Jonh H. Schippers

A Picnic

While most of the boys were away on their furloughs 18 or 20 boys remained at the School. One hot day these boys and the Instructors had a picnic. A large tent for shelter was put up on the end of the Wharf. It was lovely and cool here. At first we were going to have it in one of the groves. On account of the troublesome mosquitoes, it was decided to have it on the end of the Wharf, where the breeze kept all mosquitoes away. For lunch we had many good things to eat. After the picnic, we all went for a sail down the Harbor, returning about 5 o'clock. We all enjoyed the day very much.

Samuel L. Whitehead

Giving Out Basketball Cups

Each year through the kindness of Mr. Sears, our Manager, the winning team in basketball is given a shield with the name of the regulars inscribed upon it. This year Team A won the shield. The following boys played in the various positions on the team.

Waldo E. Libby, Capt.	L. F.
Archibald V. N. Beeman	R. F.
John M. Ely	C.
Willis M. Smith	L. G.
Chester C. Shaw	R. G.

Substitutes

Robert H. Slack
Gunnar E. Anderson
John M. Levis

Sears Basketball Cups

Waldo E. Libby	L. F.
Kenneth L. Drown	R. F.
Wyllis A. West	C.
Willis M. Smith	L. G.
David E. Long	R. G.

Substitutes

George D. Russell	L. F.
Samuel L. Whitehead	R. F.
Chester C. Shaw	R. G.

Seymour C. McFadyen

My First Home Run

Wednesday, I was playing baseball on the playground. When my turn came up to bat a boy said I was going to get out. The first two balls thrown were strikes. I hit the third ball and made a home run. That was my first home run of this season. I am going to try to make another one soon.

Albert Cheney

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MERTON P. ELLIS '97 has entered partnership with Hervey F. Armington in a new company to be known as Armington & Ellis. His business address now is 80 Warren Street, Brighton District, Boston, Mass. The new company is to specialize in tarcrete and granolithic walks and concrete construction. Mr. Ellis has had many years experience with concrete and its uses. He was with the Adams Pond Company for 12 years and 11 months. In November, Mr. Ellis will have been an officer of the Alumni Association for 20 years, 19 of which was as Secretary and 1 as Vice-President.

RALPH L. LANGILLE '19, writes from Naples that he is having a fine trip on the U. S. S. Nantucket. Has stopped at the Azores, Gibraltar, Malaga, Spain, and expects to stop at Tunis, Algiers, Canary Islands and Norfork on the way home. Spent three days of shore liberty in Rome.

ALFRED W. JACOBS '10, on July 28th became a proud father, Master Stephen Loring Jacobs having arrived on that day. Jacobs is with the New England Tel. & Tel. Company at Hingham Exchange.

THOMAS J. EVANS '64, recently celebrated his 50th Anniversary as a member of Orphans Hope Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of East Weymouth. Mr. Evans is a Past Master of the Lodge and is its present secretary.

ERNEST V. WYATT '13, is now 2nd Officer of the S. S. Bayway of the Standard Oil Company of La. His address is Standard Oil Co. of La., Baton Rouge, La.

Furloughs

Every year in July each boy is given a furlough of eight days. This year most of the boys went June 30, returning July 7. Some went before this and a few after, or whenever it was most convenient, for their parents or guardian. For several weeks before, all the Boys had been looking forward to this time. When vacation is over most of the boys are anxious to return to school and see the other boys. I had a nice vacation.

Clarence P. Hobson

Clipping the Hedge

Two days ago the Supervisor told another boy and me to clip the tall hedge which partly surrounds the Boys' Gardens. The ladder used is made up of two ladders one on each side of the hedge, tied together. We climbed up and started to clip the twigs and leaves. I tried to cut mine as evenly as possible.

Francis E. Floyd

Taking Pictures

This is a place where we have many chances to take pictures. We can take snapshots when we walk around the Beach on pleasant Sundays. We can also take pictures of the barns, cottages, boats, boys and many other things of interest. We can get films at the Trading Co. We send these to our friends or in town to be finished.

Arthur R. Turner

Better mend one fault in yourself than a hundred in your neighbor.

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Military Drill

We have started a series of morning drills which occupy the time from six o'clock till half past. They are a little different from the ones we had last year.

There is just one company now instead of two. This one is made up of a captain, two lieutenants, three sergeants and a corporal to each squad. There are three platoons, with two squads to a platoon. In a platoon there is a sergeant, two corporals and 14 privates.

The bugle sounds and the company lines up ready to report. The report is given by the corporals to the sergeants who in turn report to the first lieutenant. After all the sergeants have reported, the first lieutenant reports to the captain somewhat in this order, "Sir, all present and accounted for, company ready for instructions or drill". The captain then gives the orders and directs us to the place where the company is to drill. The sergeants repeat the preliminary commands as they are given and see that they are executed properly.

When the company has reached the place for the exercises, the company is given, "Squads right", or "Squads left, march" so the company is formed in two lines. Then the captain gives the order "Take interval to the front". That is every number one man in the first rank start marching. When the number one men have marched four paces, the number two men step off. This is continued until the whole company is marching. The company is halted and given the command, "Right face". We then take off our coats and are ready for the exercises.

The exercises consist of back, trunk, leg, arm and breathing exercises. We also do the first set of calisthenics, which consist of exercises for the whole body. The company then takes a short run. When drilling we march in separate squads, platoon or entire company. This is fine practice and is very interesting. After drilling for a while the company is assembled and is dismissed either by the captain or sergeants.

The following boys are the officers. Captain, Waldo E. Libby; First Lieutenant, Alexander McKenzie: Second Lieutenant, Harold B. Buchan: Sergeants, John M. Levis, Theodore B. Hadley and William F. Anderson. The Corporals are; Edward J. Robertson, Ivers E. Winmill, Wyllis A. West, George A. Adams, Clarence E. Stevens, Archibald V. N. Beeman and George D. Russell.

These drills which we have are useful in many ways. First and last they teach us obedience; then loyalty and courtesy. They also train us in soldier-like qualities. They also improve our health and physical strength. They give us the

spirit of team work. They teach us to be quick, attentive and to be able to march well. We may not have to go to war and be a soldier, but we mean to be peace making soldiers: such as putting down strikes and disorders. To be a commander one must be able to command himself.

This quotation from Marcus Aurelius appeals to us. "One thing here is worth a great deal, to pass thy life in truth and justice; with a benevolent disposition even to liars and unjust men."

Harold B. Buchan

Rats

One of the pests of our Island is the rat. The rats which we have now are the "Gray Russian" wharf rats.

It takes a rat from 4 to 6 weeks to have a litter. There are from 4 to 17 in a litter at one time. This shows that if they were not killed they would have many hundred of young rats before they died.

They also destroy much fruit and vegetables in the fall.

Rats live in barns, trees, banks, and in fact most everywhere. By living in these places they dig up the ground and knaw holes in the wood, thus spoiling the looks of our Island. Sometimes they live in colonies and the ground for many yards around will be undermined.

We have three ways of killing these rats which are; first traps are used. We use two kinds of traps, one is the steel trap and the other is "Official catcher trap", or "Sure catch." The second is to dig them out. We have three dogs. They are as follows, Ace, Tex, and Reliance. Ace is the only real rat dog. Reliance is a collie but has been taught to dig rats by both Babe and Ace, Tex is a Great Dane and is also learning fast.

The third is gas. It is Carbon disulphide which is slightly heavier than air. If the hole goes up the gas is sometimes lighted which, makes it lighter than air, and therefore sends it up the hole. Waste is soaked with gas and quickly put in the hole and blocked up.

The rat also spreads the "Bubonic Plague".

George A. Adams

Swimming Stunts

One of our best pleasures in the summer is swimming. We usually have a swim every day that is pleasant for one. The best part of swimming is doing some of the many stunts we have. Some of these are diving after shells that are thrown from the Wharf, diving from the posts that are on the Wharf, running off the float into the water and not letting our head go under, seeing how many times we can swim from the shore to the float and back without resting. Some of the boys can do these stunts real well.

Kenneth E. Kearns

Getting Millet

One morning the farm instructor told some other boys and me to go with another farm instructor to the South End millet field. Millet is sweet grass, which they feed to the cows. After it was loaded it was hauled back to the barn. We unloaded it and fed it to the cows, heifers and bulls. I like to go after millet very much.

Arthur R. Turner

Giving Out Pictures

One noon hour, there was something unusual in the assembly roon. Going in there I saw the Supervisor was giving out pictures. Getting into line I waited until it was my turn. I then received a picture showing a boy crossing the home plate and the catcher waiting for the ball. It was the kind of a picture I like. I was glad to get it.

George D. Russell

A Hermit Crab

One afternoon another boy and I went to the Beach to get some shells. We sandpaper these and when they are smooth we shellac them.

The tide was low and some water had remained between the ties which take the part of a dry-dock when the steamer needs repairs or something. We took our shells there to wash them.

All at once, one of my shells started to walk away but I picked it up and looked inside to see what was wrong. The boy with me told me it was a hermit crab. I wanted him for a pet, so I put him in a glass of water and I put some salt in it, but the crab died that night.

Herbert E. Wright

Filling in Ruts

Two days ago the instructor told me to get a wheelbarrow and get some gravel from the Beach. I took a shovel and wheelbarrow and started. I got three wheelbarrow loads. I raked the gravel into the ruts, which the water makes as it washes into the gutter.

Walter R. Richardson

Cleaning Out the Poultry House

One morning the farm instructor told me to get a wheelbarrow and clean out the Poultry House. First I started with the pigeon pen which is on the top floor. I took out all the dirt and straw which I wheeled to the barn. Later I put chaff and hay on the floor. I did the same to all the pens. I think it looks better. I like the work in the Poultry House very much.

Raymond Thomas

Cleaning the Baseball Diamond

One Saturday morning the Supervisor told me to get a basket and go around the baseball diamond and pick up the papers and sticks that were there. After I did that he told me to get a hoe and hoe the weeds in the paths and clip the grass on the sides of the base paths. After I did that, I told the Supervisor I was all done. He came up to look at it and he said it was very good.

Edward Floyd

Cleaning the Shelter

One day my instructor told me to clean the shelter after I got my regular work done. This was about 3:30 in the afternoon. The first thing I did was to get a broom, dust pan and brush, a dust cloth, a scrubbing out-fit, and went to the Front Lawn where the shelter is. The first thing to do was to move out the furniture which was three chairs, a table, and a couch. I got a pail of water and scrubbed the floor. I then dusted and put the furniture back. When I finished this I reported to my instructor.

Frederick R. Metcalf

Cleaning Harness

Last Saturday we went to the farm to work. We were told to clean harness. First we went downstairs in the barn and got the harness which belong to the new team, and hung them up to be taken apart. One boy who knew how to take them apart the right way, did so. We each took a piece, got a rag, and some harness soap, and water and cleaned the piece we had. After it was washed we took another rag and some oil and oiled it. We did the same to all the pieces. When they were finished the harness were assembled. We cleaned three harness that afternoon.

Robert C. Ellis

A Victrola Concert

On Sunday when the Boys could not think of much to do, the Supervisor brought a victrola out on the lawn for them to enjoy. Magazines were distributed and the Boys spent a pleasant afternoon reading and listening to the music.

Howard H. Sturtevant

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In our democratic country, men gain prominence and distinction largely through simple living, hard work and their own efforts.

Surely not all of our prominent men attained their eminence by inheritance. Large numbers have risen to a place in history through hard and steady work. The great Lincoln, the indomitable Grant and President Harding are all fine examples of this type of manhood. Work and industry helped them, but history shows their great quality was perseverance. Lincoln showed this in early life, when he struggled for education unaided and alone. Grant showed it again and again on the battlefield, also by continuing to write his memoirs, although facing death. Success is never attained without this winning quality.

Times come in everyone's life when one feels discouraged and all forces seem against him. Then is the time to square one's shoulders, renew one's confidence, and hold on with persistent determination. We do not consider those who start a thing with a rush, work hard for a few days only to slow up and accomplish little, as persevering. We think of those who work steadily, using the best of their ability to reach a goal as the truly persevering ones. This recognition may be slow in coming but in the end it is surely received. Sometimes at the end of a day it is well to pause and look over the day's work: consider whether one has slighted it or worked thorougly and happily. If well done, the work brings satisfaction and contentment.

In our School, as in other groups, the Boys possess this quality of perseverance in varying degrees. Few have this to any great extent when they first come. As time passes, and they are filled with the

spirit of the School, they naturally acquire it from the older boys. Sometimes it comes only by training and thorough drilling. Frequently boys work extra time to improve or finish something which they have begun.

It is perhaps first noticeable in the schoolroom where a boy may be having a hard time to master his studies. He goes to the schoolroom to study nights while he might go to bed if he so desired. By degrees he loses himself in his interest and this is the beginning of perseverance. This is a great forward step. He thus acquires it almost unconsciously and work and duty become more of a pleasure. He finds work well done brings satisfaction, and sometimes praise from Instructors, which all boys like to hear. Often a few words of encouragement will do more good and bring more pleasure than money or gifts. There is an old saying "A thing worth doing is worth doing well". We believe in practising this.

We boys receive our training through the perseverance of our Superintendent and Instructors. If it were not for their endless work and watchfulness we should be less careful and observing. They spend their time showing us better ways, helping us and improving us.

We perhaps are slow to realize the importance of this because we are young and care free. Yet we do feel grateful. Although the tasks sometimes seem hard and tiresome, with perseverance, pluck and encouragement, they gradually become easier and finally prove a blessing.

Surely those of us who do understand will try to improve this helpful quality and watch those who leave our School so that we may know what success they attain by their own perseverance.

Calendar

August 1 Finished mowing Oak Knoll.

Election of new officers for Cottage Row; Luke W. B. Halfyard, Judge; Ivers E. Winmill, Mayor; Archibald V. N. Beeman, Treasurer; William E. Ericsson, Assessor; Tneodore B. Hadley, Chief of Police; Edward V. Osberg, George D. Russell, Alexander Y. Davison, Samuel L. Whitehead, Harold B. Buchan, Aldermen; Seymour C. McFadyen, Clerk; James B. Scott, Street Commissioner; Clifton E. Albee, Librarian; Raymond H. McQuesten, Janitor.

August 2 Cleaned Root Cellar.

The Instructors and Boys enjoyed a ride around the Harbor and to the Navy Yard.

August 3 Movies were resumed tonight having been suspended during the summer vacation.

August 5 Started to cut millet by Farm House.

Hauled in three loads of hay from Oak Knoll.

Roscoe Baird,'19, George R. Riggs,'18, and Nicholas M. Suarez, '19, visited the School this afternoon.

Franklin P. Miller, '19, student at Mt. Hermon, arrived today to work during the remainder of the summer vacation.

New officers for Cottage Row sworn in by Mr. Swasey.

Cleaned Beach. Hauled in three loads of hay.

Blacksmith here this morning.

August 10 Mowed half of piece back of Cottage Row. Hauled in two loads of hay, and four loads of oats.

August 11 Friends' Day, 223 friends and relatives of the Boys here for the afternoon.

Unloaded oats and stored hay in mows. Mowed piece in rear of Cottage Row.

August 12 Mowed millet for green feed. Cultivated and weeded turnips.

August 13 Scow ride this afternoon for Boys and Instructors.

August 14 Repaired and ground mowing machine sections. Tedded hay and oats.

Hauled in three loads of oats and one of hay.

August 15 Mowed on piece by Cottage Row and hauled in four loads.

August 16 Mowed green feed and hauled in one load. Put in two loads of hay.

Sprayed potatoes by Playground.

August 17 Hauled in three loads of hay. Mowed half of Observatory Hill, and second crop by east tide gate.

Picked apples and plums.

Team A defeated Team D at baseball tonight. Score A 3, D 2. Shield game, Team A has won the shield.

August 19 Hauled in a load of millet.

Team B won from Team C, 18 to 10.

August 20 Through the courtesy of Mr. Arthur Beane, Reverend Eastman of Slatersville, Rhode Island, gave an interesting talk to the Boys in Chapel this afternoon.

August 22 Hauled in four loads of hay. Tedded hay by Farm House and east side tide gate.

Lumber arrived for new gymnasium floor.

August 23 Finished hay crop on Observatory Hill.

Hauled in five loads of hay and unloaded four.

Work on new gym floor begun today.

August 25 Took old life boat "The Herald" from Beach to woodpile.

Cut and hauled in green feed on west side.

August 26 George G. Larsson, '17, Geoffrey E. Plunket, '14, and Alfred W. Jacobs, '10, were here for the afternoon.

William T. Marcus, '20, here for the week end.

August 30 Picked peaches today. Finished North End oat piece. Hauled in two loads of millet.

Team D defeated Team B 5 to 2 at baseball tonight.

August 31 Mowed by east side tide gate and at south end. Got in two loads of millet. Plowed in garden.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

As Kept by the Superintendent

August 8 Another very warm day, 80° in my office.

Men mowed the last of large marsh. Are getting along well.

August 14 Most terrific thunder showers this P.M. and evening, in fact, continuing all night.

August 30 Very rainy all day. The storm commenced last night and lasted until 11:00 o'clock today with great fury from south-east.

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° on the 14th.

Minimum Temperature 60° on the 31st.

Mean Temperature for the month 66°

Total precipitation 5.69 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.88 on the 26th.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 7 clear days, 10 partly cloudy, 14 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, August 1, 1922

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$500.00
Other Investments	340.94
Cash.	247.70
	$1088.64

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$334.24
Deposits	754.40
	$1088.64

A Double-header

While on my vacation I had the good fortune to be able to see six big league ball games. The first game, which I consided the best, was a double-header between the Yankees and the Athletics. During the first game "Babe" Ruth secured one circuit hit. In the second game "Babe" Ruth hit two homers, "Tilly" Walker two, Ward one, Welch one. That made a total of seven home runs. "Bullet" Joe Bush, a former Athletic hurler, and Bob Shawkey pitched for the Yankees. Rommell, Sullivan, and Yarrison pitched for the Athletics. The Yankees won both games by narrow scores.

Edward V. Osberg

New Type

Recently we have bought new type for the printing office. Formerly 10 point Cushing had been used for the "Beacon". This type had been used until its condition was poor. In place of it we have bought four cases of 10 point Recut Caslon. In addition to this type we have 8, 10, and 12 point Caslon Italic. There is also a case of 10 point Caslon Bold; this type will be used for the titles in the "Beacon". There was a case 10, 12, 14, and 18 point Wedding Text bought also, in place of some of the old type which we do not use. We were glad to receive this new type.

Ivers E. Winmill

Planting Peas

One afternoon as we were down by the Root Cellar waiting for work, a farm instructor came along in a team, gave us each a hoe and told us to hoe eight rows in order to plant some peas. After that was done, he gave us each special work to do. One boy planted the peas, and another covered them over, etc., until the work was finished. We had all worked so well that the instructor gave us each an apple.

William L. Young

Being a Milker

At change of work I was made a milker. I get up at five o'clock every morning. I first go to the washroom. I then get my milk pail from the rack outside the washroom and go down to the barn and milk three or four cows. This is repeated the same time at night. We always weigh the milk. I like to milk very much. I also like cows.

Leon G. Andrews

Picking Corn

Yesterday morning four boys were sent to pick corn over by the Compost Shed. We got ten bushels boxes first, for we had to pick ten bushels of corn. One of us stood by the boxes to count the ears while the other three boys picked the corn.

Philip H. Young

Repairing Willow Road

Not long ago, I was given the work of repairing Willow Road with two older boys. We have worked on it ever since and have it almost finished. The older boys took down the ashes and helped so that we might finish as soon as possible.

Bertrand R. Easton

Baling Paper

After school each afternoon I go down to bale paper in the basement of Gardener Hall. I take all the waste paper and put it into the baler until it is a solid bale. I then tie it tightly with wire and take it to the Storage Barn.

Howard S. Costello

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Wellesley

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West Roxbury

Wesley C. Angell, '17, has employment with Brown Durrell Company, wholesale dry goods dealers, 104 Kingston Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Gordon H. Cameron, '18, finished the Scientific Course at Bridgewater High School in June. He was graduated as an honor pupil. The Bridgewater paper commented on his oration, "The speaker showed real ability".

John M. Sargent, '97, has moved from Exeter, New Hampshire, to 22 Devens Street, Everett, Massachusetts.

Herbert Antell, '19, who is aboard the U. S. S. Burmingham has sent cards to the School from San Miguill, Pearl Islands, Panama.

John Goodhue, Jr., is at Lakeport New Hampshire, for the summer, where he is engaged in marine engineering. His address is 36 Massachusetts Avenue.

Robert J. Buchanan, '22, is employed as printer by the Riverside Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He lives with his sister at 265 Allston Street.

Nicholas M. Suarez, '19, is employed in the theatrical advertising business in Philadelphia. He recently made a visit to the School. His address is 1226 North 10th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Russell A. Adams, '19, has begun his senior year at the Walpole High School. His address is 215 Spring Street, Walpole, Massachusetts.

Learning Psalms

In the Fifth Class the boys are learning different Psalms. Each day there are a few verses of a Psalm put on the front blackboard which can easily be seen from our seats. We have learned the XXIII Psalm and we are now learning CXXI Psalm. There are three more verses to be learned. I think it is nice to learn Psalms.

Thomas A. Hall

A Caucus

On Wednesday, July 25, a caucus was held in the East Basement. The Mayor of Cottage Row nominated a committee and the citizens nominated shareholding and non-shareholding committees. The duty of each member on the committees is to secure nominations for the election. They have to get two nominations for mayor, six for shareholding aldermen, three for non-shareholding aldermen, two for treasurer and two for assessor.

Eric O. Schippers

Getting Lumber

Yesterday afternoon we were told to get the steamer ready for a trip to City Point to get 3,000 ft. of hard pine boards for the new gymnasium floor. The Supervisor sent two more boys down to help us load and unload. When we reached the landing we saw there was far too much to take in one trip. One boy was sent to the locker for some canvas to spread on the cabin roof and decks. Then we started to load on the lumber. We could only get a third of it on at once so we made three trips.

Ralph S. Blake

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TEAM A BASEBALL CHAMPIONS OF 1922

The Close of the Baseball Season

The season of 1922 has been one of our most interesting baseball seasons for some time. The schedule was different. There being five separate teams. Leo Whitehead was captain of team A; Alexander Davison, team B; George Russell, team C; Ivers Winmill, D; Theodore Hadley, captain of the Graduates' team.

Early in the spring the Supervisor and some of the boys fixed up the diamond. They filled in all the low places and cut out the base lines. New material such as bats, balls, gloves and sacks helped us to play better.

Team A won the shield after a hard fight with team D. Team A played their best game with team D to decide for the shield. This game was a seven inning tie which was called on account of darkness. It was finished next day. The captain of A winning the game by driving in the winning run.

Another good game was between the

Graduates' team and team D. Team D won 2 to 1. This was the Graduates' only defeat of the season.

The School played a game with the Alumni and won, 17 to 8. The School won from the Instructors and Graduates, 8 to 1.

The standing of the teams at the close of the season was as follows,

Graduates	Won	7	Lost	1
Team A	"	7	"	2
Team D	"	6	"	3
Team C	"	3	"	6
Team B	"	2	"	7

Luke W. B. Halfyard

The Graphic Arts Exposition

On Saturday, September 2, the boys who work in the printing office and the first graders had the privilege ot going to the Graphic Arts Exposition in Boston. We left our Wharf at one o'clock. On landing at City Point we were divided into different groups for the sake of convenience. When we arrived at the Mechanics Hall where the Exposition was held, these groups separated to go to different booths, where many things were demonstrated. There were presses, cutters, linotype machines, and various other things shown. The Exposition occupied three floors. In the basement the large presses were displayed. On the ground floor there were other kinds of presses, etc. The balcony was given over to advertising.

We all enjoyed this opportunity very much and learned many things.

John M. Levis

The New Hens

A few days ago we got 100 new hens for the Poultry House. We had only 31 old hens. These old hens were put in different pens in the Poultry House. Some of the new hens will not begin to lay for two or three months because they will not be old enough. The new hens are a very good lot of hens. They are a little bit scared because they have come to a new locality. There are only 10 or 15 laying hens now. These hens have already laid an egg which is very good considering it is moulting season and the new locality they are in. I take very much pride in keeping these hens.

Chester W. Buchan

An Entertainment

On the evening of September 22, an entertainment and dance were given in the gymnasium, in honor of the new floor. We assembled here after eight o'clock. The southwest corner of the gymnasium was decorated and furnished like a college boy's room, while in the opposite corner was a dressing room. This arrangement was for a play which was given later. Punch and wafers were served during the intermission. We were all pleased with the new floor. A dance concluded the program which we enjoyed very much. The program follows:-

Selection . . . . . Band

Solo . . Samuel L. Whitehead

The Radiance in Your Eyes

Harmonica Solo Stanley W. Higgins

Our Director

Jingle Bells

Home Sweet Home

Play . . . . . Instructors

What Rosie Told The Tailor

Selection . . . . . Band

William F. Anderson

The Ideal Dairy Cow

My work is on the Farm and I am glad for I am very much interested in this kind of work. One of my duties is to feed the cows. I like cows and I enjoy reading about them. One of the subjects I study

and think about a great deal is the ideal dairy cow.

The cow should have a small head, a large muzzle and mouth; a clean cut nose and face, that is, one free from fleshy growth, a straight or dishing forehead, bright prominent eyes and a thin long neck and moderate sized horns. She may be from two to four inches lower at the shoulder than at the hips. Her general form, when looked at from the side, should be wedge shaped, and the same shape should be apparent when viewed from the rear. The shoulders may be thin, lean and bony; the back rather long and rugged; the loin fairly broad but not too broad or the animal will tend to put on beef. The hip should be thrown well ahead, which gives a long powerful hind quarter. The thighs of necessity are thin; the flank well up; the hind legs usually quite crooked and the tail long. If the tail is long it is an indication that the vertebrae of the backbone are somewhat loosely united which is an indication of good milking qualities. The pony built, smooth made, short bodied, rotund cow is seldom a good milker. The teats should be sizable and placed wide apart: the limbs neither too small nor too large. The udder should be pendent or loose and should extend well to the rear also well to the front and should have a firm setting on the abdomen. The animal should have a rugged, rather lean but not a delicate appearence. All animals except those kept for speed should have rather short limbs as this indicates to some extent constitution and power. The milk veins which extend from the udder should be forward on the abdomen and large and prominent. These indicate that the cow is a great milker or in other words, that an ample supply or blood has been furnished to the udder by the arteries aud hence as large amount of blood must be returned through the veins. In time the veins enlarge in order to make room for the return of the blood from the udder.

Norman T. Howes

Our September Calendar

There is a calendar drawn on the black board in colored chalk, by one of the boys. It is in the third schoolroom. The picture represents the month of September. There is a glass dish on a white tablecloth, and the dish is filled with oranges, apples, grapes, and a pineapple. It is a very pretty calendar.

James A. Paley

Our Poem

Last week our teacher wrote a poem on the board which seems to me to hit the right spot and hit it hard. It reads as follows:

When you've work to do, boys,
Do it with a will;
Those who reach the top, boys,
First must climb the hill.

Wentworth A. Chittendon

Choosing Up For Football

A few days ago the Supervisor said we would choose up for football. Four captains were selected by the all-School team of 1921.

The Graduates were allowed to play this year but in previous years this has not been so. The captains who were selected are as follows; Waldo E. Libby, Team A: Edward J. Robertson, Team B; Sameul L. Whitehead, Team C; Alexander Y. Davison, Team D.

It is the custom to give the captain of Team D., first pick on the men and to give Team A., first pick on the footballs.

The captains in turn choose their men until every boy is chosen, this allows plenty of material from which to pick an eleven. and also to have plenty of substitutes in case any of the regular players are injured.

Seymour C. McFayden

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September is one of the months which brings outstanding gifts with her. She first releases Labor Day, which gives all people a chance to play. We celebrated with a half holiday and danced in the evening.

During the following days, in most cities and towns of the country she opens the doors of public schools and ushers to school, for the first time, myriads of tiny feet. Others she ushers for the first time to junior high schools, still others she joyfully leads to different high schools. This she did for eighteen of our June graduates.

Somewhere so quietly and gently that we can hardly realize it, she slips to us the beautiful season of autumn and enfolds to herself summer, only to give her to another part of the world. In the haze, which she sheds over distance hills and dales, we find rest from the brilliancy and heat of the summer sun. We anticipate the harvest of fruits and vegetables, which is the result of our labor as well as the summer's sun and rain. We anticipate the gorgeous colorings of autumn leaf and the balmy air of Indian summer. We anticipate the football season with its challenge, its excitement and enthusiasm.

To us September brought two pleasant parties. For two evenings we made merry with play and dancing. The activity necessary to use a scrub brush, rake, hoe and shovel was forgotten. The tension of work was suspended. We forgot floors, walls and avenues. In the words of one of Myra Kelley's little citizens "We all had a glad on each other".

Thursday evening, September 21, we listened to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, as two of our smaller boys, one dressed as a bride and one dressed as a groom entered the assembly hall, to lead

a grand march, in which we all joined. Confetti ribbon and a cake from which we all had a piece were there. This was to welcome Mrs. Swasey to our midst.

The following evening we christened the gymnasium floor with an entertainment by the Instructors and musical selections by the Boys. All entered into the spirit of the occasion.

We are grateful for September and the gifts she unobtrusively scatters in our path. With that funmaking poet, James Whitcomb Riley we can say—

"They's something kindo hearty-like about the atmosfer
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here—
Of course we miss the flowers and the blossoms on the trees,
And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;
But the air's so appetizen'; and the landscape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airly autumn days
Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock—
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock."

James Whitcomb Riley

Calendar

Sept. 1 Robert Thompson, '22 left the School to live with his mother and to attend high school in the Fall.

Picked 60 dozen ears of corn.

Sept. 2 Twenty-five boys accompanied by the Supervisor and Printing Instructor attended the Graphic Arts Exposition at Mechanics Hall this afternoon.

Put top dressing on piece at North End.

Sept. 4 Labor Day, celebrated by half holiday with dance in the evening.

Franklin P. Miller, '19, who has been working at the School during the summer vacation, left today to resume his studies at Mt. Hermon.

Repaired freight jigger.

Sept. 5 Observatory Staff met this evening to go over the reports of the past month.

Examined bee hives and found them to be in good condition.

Sept. 6 Picked 60 dozen ears of corn.

Put 550 lbs. of squash in Root Cellar.

Sept. 8 Pulled 9 1-2 bushels of onions and spread them out to dry.

Picked 10 bushels of corn.

Sept. 9 Seven members of the School Band, under the direction of Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '99, took part in the parade this afternoon in honor of the State Grand Master of the Knights of Pythias.

Glenn R. Furbush, '19, left today to resume studies at Colby Academy. He assisted on the School Farm during the summer vacation.

The Boat Crew was out for practice this afternoon.

Sept. 10 Sunday. Band concert this afternoon.

Sept. 11 Cut alfalfa by Power House.

Blacksmith was here this afternoon.

Corn roast this evening on beach near Wharf for Boys and Instructors.

Sept. 13 The Pilgrim towed President Arthur Adams' sail boat the Dolphin to Lawley's shipyard this afternoon.

Carried Mrs. Bradley's furniture from Main Building to Wharf.

Started digging potatoes.

Sept. 14 Finished waxing new gym floor today.

52 bushels of beets placed in Root Cellar.

Weeded rhubarb bed.

Sept. 16 The last baseball game of the season was played this afternoon. Team D defeated Team A 8 to 0.

Football teams were chosen this evening. Waldo E. Libby was elected captain of Team A; Edward J. Robertson, captain of Team B; Leo S. Whitehead, captain of team C; Alexander Y. Davison captain of team D.

Sept. 18 Digging potatoes and weeding piece by side of Power Honse.

Sept. 19 Trial in Cottage Row court was held this evening, The new judge, Lule W. B. Halfyard, presided.

Placed 170 bushel of potatoes in the Root Cellar

Sept. 20 32 bushel of potatoes placed in the Root Cellar.

Sept. 21 William Garrison Reed today presented the School with a number of photographic plates.

A reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Swasey this evening by Boys and Instructors.

350 head of cabbage placed in Root Cellar. Took in 69 bushel of potatoes.

Sept. 22 Instructors gave an entertainment in the gymnasium this evening as a dedication of the new gymnasium floor.

Sept. 23 Willis M. Smith, '22, visited the School for the afternoon.

Mr. Knowlton, '84, and Mrs. Knowlton of Texas, spent the afternoon here.

Sold 23 bushels of tomatoes.

Sept. 24 Sixteen boys accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Swasey attended Phillips Church this morning.

Sept. 24 Friends' Day, fourth one of season. There were two hundred and thirteen people here to see the Boys this afternoon.

President Arthur Adams and Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, were here.

Sept. 26 Ralph L. Langille, '19, visited the School this afternoon. He has just returned, aboard the Nantucket, from a cruise in foreign waters.

100 white leghorn pullets arrived tonight.

Sept. 28 Manager Thomas J. Evans, '64, spent the afternoon here.

Sept. 30 Picked 46 bushels of Baldwins.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

As Kept by the Superintendent

Sept. 1 Cool, Fall like.

Sept. 2 Two boys left the School, one new boy admitted.

In School to-day ninety-one boys.

Sept. 3 Visiting day. A good number present.

Sept. 5 Went to Lowell to attend the New England Agricultural fair.

Sept. 17 Gathered and carried fruits to the annual fair at Horticultural Hall.

Sept. 18 Forenoon pretty fair.

Sept. 21 Mr. Warren T. Adams, chairman of Committee of Lawrence School, and Mr. Learned, Master of the same, came to visit our School.

Sept. 23 Went to city to look for work tor two boys. Spent an hour pleasently with Mr. Charles Evans.

Sept. 29 Charles Ogden, a former graduate spoke to the boys today.

The Animals On Our Island

There are a lot of interesting animals on our Island. There are about twenty-five cows. There are three dogs. Their names are Tex, Ace and Reliance. There are about twelve pigs and seven horses. Their names are Dolly, Dick, Tom, Jean, Colty, Dolly Gray and Dennis. There are also two bulls whose names are Johnny and Langewater Standby. I like the animals.

Burton Dorman

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, September 1, 1922

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$500.00
Other Investments	465.94
Cash.	173.32
	$1139.26

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$334.24
Deposits	805.02
	$1139·26

September Meterology

Maximum Temperature 84° on the 20th.

Minimum Temperature 74° on the 2nd and 28th.

Mean Temperature for the month 70°.

Total Precipitation 5.30 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 2.20 inches on the 4th and 5th.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation. 19 clear days, 4 partly cloudy, 7 cloudy.

A Reception

The Instructors gave a reception and dance, Thursday evening, September 21, to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Swasey who returned to the Island that morning.

The ceiling of the assembly hall had been decorated with pink and white streamers and a white bell hung from the center of the room to which the streamers were attached.

Electric lights in Japanese lanterns were hung around the entrance to the Main Building Rugs, cushions and wicker furniture made it look home-like.

At 7:45 we dressed in our uniforms. We waited on one side of the Main Building until Mr. and Mrs. Swasey came out and received the Instructors We then filed past and shook hands with them.

The Band which was stationed under the trees played during the reception. After this we went to the assembly hall for the Grand March and dancing. We first sang the School song and several other popular pieces. After this, James Libby, dressed as a bride, and Anton Ericsson, dressed as a bride groom entered the room and led the Grand March. Dancing followed until intermisson. We then returned to the front of the building out doors where refreshments were served. These consisted of sandwiches and coffee. We each had a piece of a large wedding cake. We returned to the assembly hall for four more dances. One dance which was called the moonlight waltz. All the lights were turned out, while at the back of the room was an artificial moon shining brightly.

Another dance we enjoyed was a particular fox trot. At a given signal we each threw a roll of confetti ribbon at Mr. and Mrs. Swasey. It made a pretty sight as there were many different colors.

We enjoyed this evening and we thanked the Instructors for planning such a good time.

Raymond H. McQuesten

Picking Pears

One Wednesday afternoon I went down to the Farm and one of the Instructors told some other boys and me to get some bushel boxes. Then he said, "Go down to the orchard and pick up the pears on the ground." After we had picked them all up we brought them up to the carriage room and left them there. He then told two of the boys to get two step ladders. We then climbed the trees and picked the pears from them. We brought the pears up to the carriage room and picked them over. The head farm instructor said we could have a few.

Anton Ericsson

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Barton N. Slade, '22, has entered the Waltham High School. His address is Brown Gables, Lexington Street, Waltham, Massachusetts.

Arthur W. Gaunt, '22, is employed as General Mail Boy by Marshall Field and Company, one of the largest retail department stores in Chicago. He lives with his father at 2230 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Daniel E. Smith, '20, has employment with the O'Connell & Lee Manufacturing Company in Somerville. His address is 9 Atherton Street, Somerville, Mass.

Paul R. Riety, Ex '11, who was wounded in France during the World War has been given the opportunity by the U. S. Government to further his education. Riety has filed application with the State College at Memphis, Tenn. where he wishes to take up dentistry. He lives at 1624 Ex. Bldg., Memphis.

Willis M. Smith, '22, is taking the Commercial Course at the Somerville High School. He is with his mother at 9 Atherton Street, Somerville, Massachusetts.

Henry P. Clifford, '22, has entered Wentworth Institute. He is living with his parents at Ashland, Mass.

Bernhardt Gereche, '12, who is on the U. S. S. "J. O. Barrstow" has been made First Assistant Engineer.

David E. Long, '22, and John P. Davidson, '22, have entered Mechanic Arts High School. Long lives with his father at 250 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass. and Davidson with his sister at 23 Wachusett Street, Mattapan, Mass.

Labor Day

On Labor day, September 4, we were given a half holiday. The Supervisor announced it in the morning. Everybody hustled with his work in the morning. It rained in the afternoon, so some of the Boys went down to the cottages while the others stayed in the assembly-room. A victrola was brought down and the Boys played it. Later in the afternoon a notice was placed on the bulletin board announcing that there would be a dance in the evening.

In the evening the Boys put on their uniforms and marched up to the assembly hall. The dance started and in a short time everybody was dancing. About half past ten refreshments were served and then there were a few more dances. Then everybody went to bed happy.

Herbert E. Noble

The Sea Gulls

One morning as I was painting the launch I saw two sea gulls. One landed on the float while the other caught a fish and left it there. While he was after another one, the one on the float ate that fish and soon the other one returned with another fish and put it on the float also. He kept getting fish until the one on the float, was fed and then got his own dinner. It was interesting to watch them.

Howard E. Keith

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COTTAGE ROW AND ITS OFFICERS

Cottage Row

One of the most instructive features of our School is the miniature government of Cottage Row. This was the first one of its kind in the country, a fact in which we rightly take pride.

The first cottages were made in 1888. The year before, many of the boys had put up tents during the summer. When winter came they got some boards and put them over the tents, as they disliked to give them up. In the spring of 1888 the first cottage was built by some enterprising boys. Soon other boys followed and a great deal of rivalry existed.

To-day we have twelve cottages: Audabon Hall, Sunset, Tritonia, Ionic, Corinthian, Sunshine, Starlight, Laurel, City Hall, Crescent, Deerhorn and Felice. Audabon Hall and City Hall are government property. Each cottage consists af twelve shares and these are appraised according to the condition of the cottage.

An election is held every three months when new officers are elected. The Australian ballot system is used.

The officers elected by ballot are; Judge, Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Treasurer and Assessor. After his election the Mayor appoints the Chief of Police, Clerk, Street Commissioner, Librarian and Janitor. As the Chief of Police must have a force. he in turn appoints the Lieutenant and Sergeant of Police, with five patrolmen. They compose his staff.

The Judge is considered the most honorable position of all. His duty is to preside at trials, levy fines, issue warrants, and he is not elected every term but holds his office through good behavior or until he leaves the School.

The Mayor has general supervision of the government. He sees that everything is kept in order and presides at all public meetings. The Mayor is vigilent and active at all times in causing the laws of Cottage Row to be duly executed and put in force. He also summons the meetings of the Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen consists of five members. Three of these are share holding citizens and two are non-share holding citizens, who represent the non share holding citizens of the School. The Board decides with the Mayor what laws and motions are to be put in force during the term. In this way the Mayor and Aldermen may be said to be the master minds of Cottage Row.

The Treasurer handles all the financial affairs of the government, such as paying officers, collecting taxes and paying and collecting government bills.

The Assessor's duty is to examine the property and to set a value on every cottage so the taxes may be determined.

The Street Commissioner has the work of keeping the streets in good condition, keeping all city property repaired and in good condition. He also instructs the janitor what to do on the goverment buildings. The janitor comes under the Street Commissioner.

The Librarian has charge of the library and keeps record of all books.

The Mayor appoints the city clerk. It is the clerk's duty to keep a record in city books, of all meetings, trials, caucuses and elections. At the trials he also keeps a record of parties, verdicts and punishments. He keeps a record of ownership and transfers of shares in cottages. The countersigning of deeds and certificates of ownership is done by the clerk.

Order is preserved by the Chief of Police and his staff on the playground, Cottage Row and elsewhere as designated. At public meetings the staff maintains order. Boys are arrested for trespassing on Cottage Row, causing distubance on Sunday and other offences of the same nature.

The Boys take great pride in their government and are trying to improve it. On the whole Cottage Row is wonderful for us Boys. Of course, we might learn civics out of books, but this is much more interesting and instructive, besides being practical. Instead of reading about it, we do what books tell about. Visitors are always interested in our government, which has now been a miniature city for 34 years and we hope it will continue for years to come.

Theodore B. Hadley

The Trial

The other night we had a trial in the east basement. The Judge told the police to keep order during the trial. If anybody made a disturbance they were arrested. The Judge had the clerk step forward and

read the notice of the trial. Then the clerk read the first warrant. The Judge said, "Prisoner step forward". The prisoner was asked whether he was guilty or not guilty. If he pleaded guilty he was fined. Some of the prisoners pleaded not guilty. For their cases the Judge called a jury. After listening to the case the jury left the room and discussed it. When they returned the verdict was given. If desired, the prisoner can take his case to a higher court, but no cases were taken to a higher court at this trial. If the prisoner has any money he paid a fine, but some were fined several hours work on Cottage Row. We enjoy these trials very much.

Albert Cheney

Cutting Off the Tops of Carrots

One day after school, our Supervisor told ten boys to go to the Farm. The farm instructor told us to go over to the Vegetable Cellar and cut the tops off of carrots. We cut around thirty-four bushels that afternoon. I like to cut carrots and to work on the Farm.

James A. Brain

Butterfly Collection

Another boy and I thought we would start a butterfly collection. We made a net and caught some very pretty butterflies. I then got a picture frame and a piece of silk cloth. The other boy arranged the picture frame with the butterflies in it. When it was done, it looked very pretty.

Henry E. Gilchrist

Cutting Corn

When we went down on the Farm one morning, one of the instructors told us to cut corn. First we got sickles and took the horse and cart to the corn field. We cut a load and brought it up to the barn. Then it was cut up into small pieces and given to the cows as fodder.

Joseph G. Wasson

Making a Fire

Every morning when I go to the Farm House, I make the beds and then I go to the basement and chop enough fire wood. I kindle it with paper and put the wood on top of the fire. When it is started well, I put the coal on and my fire is made. When I go to the house, I bank the fire before leaving.

Hildreth R. Crosby

My Hallowe'en Costume

On Hallowe'en I took part in the fun. Some of the boys were picked out to dress in costumes, and I was among them. Another boy and I were dressed as "coons". He had a black and white checkered suit a tall stove pipe hat, a white shirt, a big paper collar and a large tie. I had an old fashioned brown silk dress, with a fancy collar and ruffles on it, and a big, black bow tied on my neck. and green stockings with white rings in them. On my head I had a queer hat with black curly hair under it, and I also carried a handbag. We had a good time and after a while my "husband" and I did the cake walk twice around the floor.

William M. Hall

Sorting Potatoes

Wednesday afternoon the Farm Instructor told some other boys and me to go to the Vegetable Cellar and sort over the potatoes until he came. We sorted until quarter of five and then returned to the Barn.

Francis E. Floyd

Hauling Coal

One day I went down to the farm and I was told to hitch "Big Doll" onto the dump cart and haul screenings(which is a certain kind of coal used in furnaces.) I hauled seven dump cart loads to the Power House where it was put down a manhole. I like to haul coal very much.

Paul F. Reid

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Toward the close of his administration Washington delivered to the people his now famous "Farewell Address". In it he dwells on the location of America and her singular position of independence, and he urges her to stand alone and from her vantage point keep free and far-sighted. Somewhat the same advantage belongs to us in our Island home, and we may profit by some thought of Washington's advice. In our hands we hold the future. Not perhaps of a nation but of The Farm and Trades School and certainly our own. We form by natural location, an independent community — a family group, the happiness and welfare of each one of us depends on all of the others. And so, in looking ahead to a busy winter of work and play, let us resolve to be more thoughtful of others, to work with and for others, and to make this quite the best community in the world. "Service" is a splendid watch-word. Let us take it, and make this the best year the School has ever known. It depends upon you.

Calendar

Oct 1 Mr. Bonney, brother of our former Sunday assistant, officiated at the service in Chapel.

Last swim of the season this morning.

Oct. 2 Raked and put in 4200 lbs. of hay from land near Farm House.

Oct. 3 Cut three loads of green feed. Put in 4000 lbs. of hay from piece near Farm House.

Mr. Leverett Saltonstall was elected to succeed his father, the late Richard S. Saltonstall, as a member of the Board of Managers at the monthly meeting today.

Cottage Row officers were elected tonight.

Footballs were given out to the four

teams today.

Oct. 4 Picked apples. Top dressed garden by nursery, and potato patch and corn patch by Compost Shed.

Oct. 5 Picked pears.

Getting playground ready for football.

Five boys, accompanied by two farm instructors, attended the Brockton Fair today.

Boiler inspector here this afternoon to inspect boiler in Pilgrim and at Power House.

Oct. 6 Put in 42 bushels of shell beans. Put two loads of pumpkins in Root Cellar, also 3 bushels of beets.

Oct. 7 Sorted potatoes in Root Cellar. Fitted and put away harness.

Oct. 8 Sunday services were resumed today with Mr. Durost, a student at Gordon Bible College, as Sunday Assistant.

Oct 9 Finished picking apples and pears.

Fall vacation of one week began today.

Oct. 10 Sorted potatoes and got in corn fodder.

Admission meeting this morning. Twelve new boys were admitted to the School: Henderson P. Banks, Charles L. Claggett, David Crystal, Kenneth W. Dow, Charles E. Hall, William G. Hall, George W. Hartley, Bradbury A. Rand, Grover A. Ridlington, Charles R. Scott, Paul H. Sherman, Robert F. Van Meter.

Oct. 11 New Cottage Row officers sworn in tonight.

Oct. 12 Columbus day was celebrated by half holiday. Libby's team won from Whitehead's team, 33 to 25. John M. Sargent, '97, William S. Sargent, '97, Daniel E. Smith, '20, and Richard H. Hanson, '21, were here for the afternoon. Dance in the evening.

Oct. 13 Got in 95 bushels of mangels.

Blacksmith here.

Oct. 14 Weeded berry patch. Got in alfalfa by Farm House. Drew in 26 bushels of mangels.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Tibbetts twenty-four boys went to the Harvard and Bowdoin game.

Ralph L. Langille, '19, student of the Massachusetts Nautical School, was here for the afternoon.

Team A defeated Team C at football this afternoon, 45 to 15.

Oct. 16 Drew in 193 bushels of mangels. Top dressed corn piece by garden and part of vegetable garden.

George R. Jordan, '13, was here for the afternoon.

Oct. 17 School began today after a week's vacation.

Manager W. B. Foster was here for the afternoon.

Oct. 18 Charles Russel, '02, here to work on Steamer.

Oct. 16 Ploughed piece by Compost Shed. Sorted potatoes in Root Cellar.

Oct. 20 Manager W. B. Foster was here this afternoon to look at the breakwater.

Oct. 21 Forty-seven boys acted as ushers at the Harvard-Center game today.

Oct. 23 Blacksmith here this morning.

Mr. Britton, bee man, was here today to inspect hives and make the bees ready for winter.

Oct. 24 Cleaned beach. Drew in two and a half loads of hay from South End.

Oct. 25 Cleaned barn and roads.

Last Friends' Day of the season. Two hundred twelve people were here for the afternoon. During afternoon the Grew and McKenzie Garden Prize swere awarded.

Oct 26 Through the kindness of Mr. Ray of the Young Men's Christian Union of Boston, eleven of the Boys of the School Band attended the concert given this afternoon by the United States Marine Band at Symphony Hall.

The launch and scow have been hauled from the water for the winter .

Oct. 27 Dug ditches on west tide gate and part of south tide gate. Sorting apples and shell beans.

Oct. 28 Finishing ploughing by Compost Shed. Hauled lumber.

Two games of football this afternoon. Team D defeated Team B 39 to 19. Team D lost to Team A 79 to 0.

Oct. 29 Don C. Clark, '06, spending the week end here. He gave the Boys an interesting talk at Sunday School this morning.

Oct. 30 Ploughed garden by Farm House.

Oct. 31 Manager Henry Jackson; M. D., visited the School this afternoon.

Hallowe'en entertainment in gymnasium this evening in form of an in-door circus. Howard B. Ellis, '97, was here and acted as ring master. Dancing followed in the Assembly Hall.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

As Kept by the Superintendent

Oct. 1 One boy admitted and four discharged. There are eighty-eight boys in school at present.

Oct. 2 Visiting day; Managers Emmons, Bullard, and Homans were present.

Oct. 5 The graduating class of the Everett School with Mr. Hyde, their teacher, visited us today.

Oct. 7 Pleasant. Commenced picking apples.

Oct. 9 A most lovely day, summer like.

Oct. 10 Went to the city with a load of onions.

Oct. 11 Fresh breeze from west. Got in the Lyman and scraped her bottom and painted it. Three masons here painting walls.

Oct. 16 A very windy day. Five men from South Boston got wind-bound, and went home via Squantum.

Oct. 17 Fine. Took whole school out on carrot. Attended a political gathering at Faneuil Hall. Heard speeches from Governor Harriman, of N. H., General Butler and Henry Wilson.

Oct. 19 To city early to meet Manager Brackett to look at cloth for boys' clothes. Got stockings, yarn and suspenders.

Oct. 20 A very rough day. Mr. James Page, Master of the Dwight School, and Mr. Jameson of the Franklin School came and talked to the boys.

Oct. 26 Manager S. G. DeBlois came to see us.

Oct. 31 The last Visiting Day for this season. Managers Brackett, Emmons, DeBlois, Weld and Richardson were present.

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 80° on the 4th and 5th.

Minimum Temperature 70° on the 5th.

Mean Temperature for the month 54°.

Total Precipitation 3.90 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.60 inches on the 4th and 5th.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 8 partly cloudy, 9 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, November 1, 1922

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$500.00
Other Investments	465.94
Cash	272.45
	$1238.39

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$344.86
Deposits	893.53
	$1238.39

Fixing the Bees for Winter

One afternoon the head farm instructor told another boy and myself to go with an instructor. He told us to take the cover that goes over the bee hives for the winter to the hives. We took it up there and then we took the hives off the planks, put them on the ground and then began to take up the old logs that were set in the ground to hold the hives. After we had finished that, the instructor and I went to the wood-pile to get new logs and planks. We selected two good logs and two good planks. Then we took them to the hives, dug new holes and put them in. Then we packed the dirt around them so as to hold them in their places. We then put the planks across and nailed them down. After this we put the hives back on and packed leaves and hay around them. Then we put the winter cover on. The bees were already for the winter. There is no fear of them catching cold.

George D. Russell

The Corn Cutter

Every fall we cut corn fodder for the cows. We first take a horse and wagon and go over to the corn field behind the cottages and cut a load of corn. We take it to the barn. We then cut it up so the cows can eat it. We first put in the switch and start the corn cutter. One boy stands in front of the cutter to push the corn down a shute as it is cut. Another boy tends to the corn as it runs into the cutter to see that it does not clog up the machine, and stop it. We cut it so as to have enough for two or three months.

Leon G. Andrews

Garden Prizes

On the last Friends' Day, Mr. Swasey awarded the Grew Garden Prizes. These are money prizes given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby to the boys who have the best gardens each year. The money is divided so that ten prizes are given. This year an additional amount was given by Mr. McKenzie, who is the father of two boys here. He is interested in horticulture. Thus sixteen prizes were awarded. There are 90 gardens and any boy has a chance to work for a prize. Many different kinds of flowers are grown. The boys who received prizes are as follows:

1 George A. Adams
2 Herbert E. Noble
3 Harold B. Buchan
4 Donald McKenzie
5 Alton B. Butler
7 Kenneth A. Priest
6 George L. Langill
8 Thomas A. Hall
9 Frederick R. Metcalf
10 Clarence E. Stevens
11 Hildreth R. Crosby
12 Albert Cheney
13 Arthur R. Turner
14 Robert H. Carney
15 Leander E. Dorey
16 Paul F. Reid

Frederick R. Metcalf

Vacation Week

The week of Oct. 8, was vacation week. The Boys were allowed to play during the time they usually spent in the schoolrooms. During this time we played football, went to the bandhall, sloyd room and reading room or the gymnasium. A lot of the boys that could, listened to the returns of the world series over the radio. We enjoyed vacation week very much, although most of us are glad to get back to school

Kenneth E. Kearns

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Osmond W. Bursiel, '20, has entered Lyndon Institute, Lyndonville, Vermont. His address is West Burke, Vermont.

William H. Waring, '22, is a member of the Freshman class of the Montclair High School, Montclair, New Jersey. He lives with his aunts at 9 Bradford Place, Montclair.

William E. Walker, '92, who for twelve years was with Liggett's Drug Stores has started in for himself a store at 293 Harvard Street, Brookline, Mass. Billy is married, has three girls and a boy; belongs to the Brookline, Lodge of Elks and lives at 6 Gibbs Street, Brookline, Mass.

Godfrey A. Meyers, '97 is now with the Chester Clothes Shop at 349 Washington Street, Boston. He is a member of Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Arlington and lives at 7 Westwood Road, Somerville.

Randall Grey Thornton, '22, is living at Plymouth, N. H. with his mother and has entered Plymouth High School.

Stephen G. Stackpole, '06, recently visited the School. He is now a special representative of the Ajax RubberCompany Inc. 220 West 59th Street, New York City.

Taking Pictures of the Shield Baseball Team

One noon as I was working in the kitchen a boy came in to take my place while I went out to see the Supervisor. He told me to get into a baseball uniform. At the same time the Cottage Row officers were changing into their uniforms to have their pictures taken. He took two pictures of the baseball team, one of which has been printed in the Beacon.

Herbert E. Wright

Taking Care of a Peony Bed

One morning, the Supervisor told me to take care of the Peony bed. First I took all the leaves out, then with my spade, I dug it all up and raked out all the stones. I next raked it all over so that it will look neat. It is now ready for winter.

Clarence E. Stevens

My New Work.

One day, while I was working in the kitchen, the Supervisor came in with another boy, who took my place. He told me to go to the office, and report to the office instructor. From here I went with her to the stockroom, and I was shown what to do. The work in the stockroom is very responsible and helps one to be trustworthy.

Willard G. Schroeder

Ducking For Apples.

On Hallowe'en I was in an apple ducking contest. There were four boys on each side and a pail of water with apples floating in it. The first boy on each side started,and when he got his apple, the second boy's turn came. After the last boy had finished on one side first, that side won. Our side won. I like apple ducking.

William R. Holman

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Thanksgiving Day

This year about four inches of snow fell the day before Thanksgiving. Some of the boys were glad to see it while others were not, but nevertheless before breakfast the next morning we all went out and had a fine time throwing snowballs at each other. That noon most of the boys went to the playground and shoveled, hoed, swept and pushed the snow off from one half of the field and that afternoon some boys took it off in a wagon. The sun helped us by melting nearly all of the rest.

The next morning was bright and clear and a game was played between two teams chosen by the smaller boys. The teams were called Harvard and Centre. Harvard won by the close score of 13 to 12. After that we went and got ready for dinner. When we were lined up to go to dinner Mr. Swasey came out and gave us each a proclamation issued by Alexander McKenzie our present Mayor. Following that we filed into the dining room and the Mayor read his proclamation. We then said "grace" and sat down to a most welcome dinner. The menu was as follows:

ROAST TURKEY
Dressing
Giblet Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Squash Cranberry Sauce
Celery
Mince Pie
Oranges Nuts Raisins

After we had finished our dinner we passed out of the dining room and got ready for the Harvard vs. Yale game. This was the hardest fought game of the season and the two teams were made up of the larger boys in the School. After a hard fight Harvard won by the score of 34 to 27. Our thoughts were then turned to supper and the entertainment following. We had supper and changed into our uniforms and went to Chapel where we saw some motions produced by marionettes. We all enjoyed the day very much and went to bed feeling grateful to the ones who made it such a day.

Howard E. Keith

First Graders' Party

As the long days approached, it was decided to continue the parties for the boys in the first grade. Different instructors have charge of these parties which occur Wednesday evenings each week. Selections on the phonograph are played which are usually followed by games. Refreshments which consist of punch and cookies are served. The feature of last night's party was a spelling match, the sides of which were chosen by two boys. The winner was awarded a quart of peanuts. The boys who have this privilege enjoy it greatly.

Edward V. Osberg

Our Thanks

In accordance with our custom each boy at Thanksgiving time writes his particular reason for being thankful. The articles are varied in thought and are selected with the idea of having each class represented : —

First Class

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for the high school course; for my good times here; for my kind relatives and friends, and that God has helped this School in time of trouble.

Clifton E. Albee

I am thankful for my good mother, sister and brother. I am thankful that my brother is at this School with me. I am glad that I am able to take the advanced course and play in sports. John H. Schippers

We keep this day apart to follow the example of our forefathers who settled this country. They had grown their crops and had gathered them safely, and to show their thankfulness had planned to have a large dinner and rejoice to God for His help. Like them, we are thankful for the many things in life. Also to think of how they got along with hardly anything, and some of us cannot get along in life with everything. We surely should be thankful to God, and set this day apart and thank Him for our Country, and our institutions, and our homes. Harold B. Buchan

Second Class

I have many things for which to be thankful, so many that there are some that I do not realize although there are many that I do. Among those things I am thankful for, the most important seem to be, my country and what it stands for, our School and what it teaches, my friends and their thoughtfulness. I am also thankful for our Instructors and the Board of Managers who make this School desirable.

Archibald V. N. Beeman

This year there are many things which I am thankful for. First for my father, sister, and brother, and friends who are interested in me. I am thankful for the good School of which I am a member, also for the studies we have. I am thankful for the Board of Managers who help to keep up the School, also for the Instructors and Superintendent who are willing to help us. I am thankful for the new high school course. I am thankful for the good times and our sports. Alexander McKenzie

I am thankful for many things and among them are these: I am thankful that I can play sports, I am thankful that I can go to school with the other graduates and learn all we can, I am thankful that I play in the band and have learned to play the cornet, I am thankful that God watches over us day and night, I am thankful we have an opportunity to learn many trades at our School and I am thankful for our Board of Managers who maintain our School. Waldo E. Libby

Third Class

About this time of the year we Boys like to think of the many blessings we receive. I am thankful for a mother, brother and sister. I am grateful for a chance to work in the shop and sloyd room. I am thankful to be in such a good School with so many dear friends.

William F. Anderson

I am thankful for health and for the comforts of life. For a good mother, father, brothers and sisters. I am thankful for our School which is carefully cared for by the Board of Managers.

James B. Scott

I am thankful for my dear mother. I am also grateful for the comforts of life that surround us. We cannot be too thankful that we have a warm home to live in compared to the starving and freez-

ing people of the Far East. I am thankful for the education and knowledge I receive at this School. I am thankful that we have one devine God and know that He is with us always. Herbert E. Noble

I think that Thanksgiving is a time when we should all be thankful. I am thankful that I have a home, a mother, sister, and grandmother. I am thankful that I have the opportunities of a good School. I am thankful that the Pilgrims came over here and fought for their freedom so that we could have a free country. I am thankful that I have many friends and a God to worship. Jay S. Vining

Fourth Class

I am thankful I have good friends on the Island and at home. I am thankful I have a chance to play in all the sports. I am thankful I have a cottage and that I can go on the playground whenever I wish. I am thankful I am in the band and in sloyd. I am also thankful for a lot of other things.

Paul F. Reid

I am very thankful that I have a father, brothers and sisters. I am thankful that my father put me in this School where I can get a good education. I am thankful that I have clothing, food, and a warm bed to sleep in. I am thankful that we have good Managers, and Instructors and a good Superintendent. Russell E. Long

I am thankful for the many pleasures of life, for the sun, the rain and snow and all the things which they help to grow. I am thankful that my father used judgment in sending me to this School, where I may learn a trade, how to play in a band and to take part in various sports, but most of all, to stand up and be a man when the world seems to go against me. I am thankful that I have a good chance to learn about God. I am thankful that I have kind and loving parents. I am thankful for Thanksgiving Day. Alton B. Butler

I am thankful I have a good School to go to. I am thankful that I have a warm bed to sleep in and good things to eat. I am thankful that we have a large playground so that we can play football and baseball. I am thankful that my father and sisters are well. Charles R. Scott

Fifth Class

I am thankful for the education that I am getting. I am thankful that I have a mother. I am thankful for all the good books we have to read. I am thankful for all the opportunities and good times that we have. I am thankful for the great nation in which we live.

Jack Hobson

I am thankful for a mother and father who are good to me. I am thankful for friends. I am also thankful that I am in a free just country. I am thankful that I am an American. I am thankful for the good things I get in life. I am thankful that I am learning to be good and study the Bible. Bertrand R. Easton

I am thankful for a good mother and a good father and brothers. I am thankful for a good president and a good nation. I am thankful to have a good Superintendent and good Managers. I am thankful for good school teachers. I am thankful for everything.

John A. Arkerson

I am thankful for an opportunity to get an education, I am thankful to have such good Instructors. I am thankful for a chance to be a man. I am thankful that my parents are well. I am thankful for all I have.

George W. Hartley

Sixth Class

I am thankful that my father is alive and well. I am thankful that he has placed me in such a good School, where I will receive such a good education, and

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Cottage Row Government

BY HIS HONOR
ALEXANDER MCKENZIE
Mayor

A PROCLAMATION
For a Day of
THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

In accordance with the time honored custom, and following the example of the Commonwealth, Cottage Row Government sets apart a day to be observed as a time of Thanksgiving and praise for the many blessings we have received.

With bountiful harvest gathered, good health, opportunity for an education before us, we have a great reason for gratitude. We do not forget the children of other lands who are starving and lonely. We are thankful for our peaceful country, with its great resources. We are proud of the achievements of its great men and women.

We feel grateful to our Board of Managers who maintain this School. We are happy in all of our good times. As our forefathers gave thanks to God beside the sea, with grateful hearts we shall do likewise.—

Therefore I, Alexander McKenzie, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, set apart Thursday, the thirtieth day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty for the blessings He bestows on us.

Given at The Farm and Trades School this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and the one hundred and eighth year of our School and the thirty-fourth year of Cottage Row.

ALEXANDER MCKENZIE

By his honor the Mayor of Cottage Row with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen.

Kenneth E. Kearns, *Clerk*

God Save the Government of Cottage Row

Calendar

Nov. 1 Dug ditches at South End.

A meeting of Cottage Row Aldermen was held this evening.

Nov. 3 President Arthur Adams was here for the afternoon.

Moved the corral fence, and ploughed the garden.

Nov. 4 Robert F. Thompson, '22, a student at the Brighton High School, spent the afternoon at the School.

Two games of football this afternoon, team A defeated team B, 68 to 25 and team C won from B, 39 to 12.

Fertilized piece near Root Cellar.

Nov. 5 George Buchan, '97, spent the afternoon at the School.

Nov. 6 Top dressed garden, cleaned and oiled harness, shelled beans and sorted apples.

Nov. 7 Hauled coal.

Nov. 8 First Grade parties were resumed tonight for the winter months.

The Annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held this evening at the Parker House.

Nov. 9 Top dressed garden, dug ditches at South End.

Nov. 11 Armistice day. Two football games were played during the afternoon.

Doctor Frank T. Taylor was here to examine the Boys' teeth today.

Alfred A. Pickles, '19, and Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, visited the School this afternoon.

Nov. 12 Mr. Ingram, a former missionary to India, spoke to the Boys this afternoon and evening.

Nov. 13 Worked on road back of Power House, and repaired dike at East Side.

Nov. 14 Clarence W. Loud, '96, and son William were here for the afternoon and evening.

Nov. 15 Put new chain on tide gates. Cleaned old barn and repaired bushel boxes.

School teachers visited Junior high schools in Boston and vicinity.

There were two football games during the afternoon. Team D defeated team C 34 to 26, in the first game, and team B won from team D 44 to 6 in the second.

Nov. 16 Ploughed on corn piece. Took rubbish rear of cottages to incinerator.

Boys and Instructors went to North End to watch the Majestic, world's largest steamship, enter the Harbor.

Nov. 17 Cleaned blocks for the Pilgrim.

Trading Company replenished its stock tonight by the addition of winter goods.

Nov. 18 Repaired platform by new barn.

Team B defeated Team C at football this afternoon 41 to 40.

George G. Larsson, '17, and Frank Hurley were here for the afternoon. David E. Long. '22, and Robert L. Clark, '19, spent the week end here.

Nov. 19 The Boys and Instructors went over to the dry dock in the Pilgrim to get a closer view of the Majestic.

Nov. 20 Cleaned south grain room and repaired box cart.

Nov. 21 Hauled stone for dike and worked in incinerator

Boys and Instructors went to North End just before dinner to watch the Majestic leave the Harbor.

Nov. 22 Repaired horse stall and cleaned basement in barn.

Nov. 33 Hauled grain and cleaned grain room. Fixed windows in basement of poultry house.

Nov. 24 Repaired fences by old and new barns. Gathered parsnips.

Blacksmith here.

Nov. 25 Worked in root cellar.

Boys began going to the dentist this

morning to get their teeth attended to.

Football game this afternoon. Team A 44—Team D 25.

Albert A. Peterson, '21, was here for the week end.

Nov. 27 Finished fence by new barn and worked on ditches.

First snow to-day. Winter sheathing put on Pilgrim.

Nov. 28 Put storm windows on barn and repaired barn floor.

Nov. 23 Cleaned corn barn, ploughed piece by farm house.

Nov. 30 Thanksgiving Day.

Two interesting football games. Harvard defeated Centre 13 to 12 and Harvard was victorious over Yale 34 to 27. The evening was devoted to dancing and entertainment by Marionettes.

Walter B. Foster, '78, and George Buchan, '97, were here for the evening.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

As Kept by the Superintendent

Nov. 1 Went to city early to gather my winter supplies.

Nov. 2 Clear and cool.

Nov. 5 Monthly report. Boys in School 79, smallest number since my connection with the institution. The senior teacher and the Superintendent went to East Boston to vote.

Nov. 9 Ever memorable for the terribble fire which commenced in store corner of Summer and Kingston Streets at about 7 o'clock eve. From our Island the spectacle was beautiful. We could see the flames leap in all directions. Quantities of sand, mortar, papers and cinders came over, and we were afraid that our buildings would be set on fire. We did not retire until near morning, after the wind had changed so as to carry cinders to the west of us. It was a sight ever to be remembered.

Nov. 10 The fire still raging.

Nov. 21 Manager S. G. DeBlois came at noon.

Nov. 25 Mild. Self and boys dressed 29 turkeys.

Nov. 26 Carried 17 turkeys to city for which I received $52.

Nov. 28 A lovely day. Twelve graduates were present. Boys had the usual dinner of roast turkeys, pies, etc. The day passed pleasantly and all appeared happy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, December 1, 1922

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$500.00
Other Investments	527.58
Cash	103.57
	$1131.15

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$367.12
Deposits	764.03
	$1131.15

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 62° on the 4th.

Minimum Temperature 31° on the 22nd.

Mean Temperature for the month 44°

Total Precipitation 4.20 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 2.60 inches on the 20th.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 13 clear days, 5 partly cloudy 12 cloudy.

Our Thanks

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where I will be happy. I am thankful that he is able to come and see me once a month during the summer. I am thankful for all the good sports and all the good times which we have here. I am thankful for everything.

Cecil Morse

I am thankful that I have the great opportunity in the world which is very valuable to all boys. I am thankful that I go to a good School and have good teachers, and fine schoolmates. I am most thankful that I have a good mother and father and two brothers, who are well and happy.

William M. Hall

I am thankful that I have a mother and brother. I am thankful that I am in a good School. I am thankful that I am well. I am thankful for clothes and good food. I am thankful for a good teacher.

William G. Hall

I am thankful for the good things I have. I am thankful for my mother and that she put me in such a nice School. I am thankful that my birthday comes two days before Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the new gymnasium floor, so that we may play on it. I am thankful for the Instructors, our Superintendent and Board of Managers. I am thankful that they are so interested and try to show us the right way in life.

Paul C. Butts

The Close of the Football Season

This year our football schedule turned out to be very interesting and successful. On our schedule there are four teams, A, B, C, and D, each team having six games to play. Waldo E. Libby was captain of Team A, Edward J. Robertson, Team B: Samuel L. Whitehead, Team C and Alexander Y. Davison, Team D. The season began when Team A defeated C, 45 to 15. The closest scheduled game was between Teams B and C. Team B won, 41 to 40. As the season ends Team A has won five and lost one, Teams B and D have each won three and lost three, so these teams tied for second place. Team C was unlucky as it only won one game and lost five. Team A won the shield as it won the most games. This team used the passing method a lot and ran up large scores by this method. Team B lost its first three games but came back by winning its last three. Teams B and C used the straight line plunging method mostly. Team D used both of these methods.

Altogether it has been a fine season and the boys are looking forward to the time when the Crosby Shield and Cups will be awarded.

Ivers E. Winmill

The Majestic

On November 16, 1922 we had the opportunity of seeing a very wonderful sight. The Majestic the largest ship in the world, docked at the largest drydock in this part of the world, which is at the Army Base in South Boston. The Majestic was not expected until 8 o'clock that morning, but she appeared in the Harbor about 7:25 A. M. Our bell rang for us to get in drill formation, then after we lined up, we went over to the North End of our Island at double quick time. The Majestic is owned by the White Star Line, and was in drydock to get her four propellers taken off, and the propeller shafts examined. There are four propeller shafts each one weighing 23 tons, and the propellers weigh 16 tons each. She has three smoke stacks and through each one a train could pass. When you walk around her decks three times you have walked a mile. She draws 40 ft. of water. She was formerly a German boat. She weighs 56,000 tons, the largest weight ever put on any drydock in the world. She went under her own power, until she reached Castle Island. Then she was towed to the drydock. She stayed in drydock for three days for repairs.

Jamey A. Paley

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Atlantic

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on Wednesday evening, November 8th at the Parker House, Boston, with President Graham in the chair.

The following were admitted to membership, John P. Davidson, '22, John Goodhue, Jr., '21, Kenneth E. Kearns, '22, Howard E. Keith, '22, Waldo E. Libby, '22, David E. Long, '22, Alfred A. Pickels, '20, Edward J. Robertson, '22 George E. Stevenson, '83 and Robert E. Thompson, '22.

The membership was reported as 211, a net gain of 15 for the year; a loss by death of Charles H. Bradley, honorary member, as well as the Association's best friend. The total of the Alumni Fund to date is $6743.00.

A new Constitution and set of By-Laws were adopted, the most important change being that initiation fees and annual dues are dropped. Instead, an application for membership is passed upon by the Membership Committee, and the applicant becomes a member on its approval instead of waiting until the next meeting of the Association. In place of annual compulsory dues, contributions from the alumni are expected to pay the expenses of the Association, but no member, except the Secretary and Treasurer, who has not contributed at least one dollar to the treasury within a year, shall be qualified to vote, hold office or serve on any committee.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are, President, James H. Graham, '77; Vice-President, Will F. Davis, '79; Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '97; Treasurer, Augustus N. Doe, '75 and Historian, Geoffrey E. Plunkett, '14.

The date of the Annual Dinner was announced as Wednesday evening, January 10th, 1923.

Committees for 1923

Membership

James H. Graham, *Chairman*
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Merton P. Ellis
Harold W. Edwards
Frederick P. Thayer

Entertainment

Will F. Davis, *Chairman*
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Christmas on Thompson's Island

The night before Christmas everybody is always as good as can be on Thompson's Island. The night before Christmas every boy hung up his stocking. At twelve o'clock every boy was awake waiting to get " Merry Christmas " on the Instructors. The Boys got "Merry Christmas" on the Instructors this year. A little while after, everybody went to sleep. Then Santa Claus came up and filled our stockings. About five o'clock everybody was awake and had looked into his stocking. We found different things like climbing monkeys, gyroscopes, balloons, candy, popcorn, etc. When reveille blew every boy was wide awake, and dressed very rapidly and tried to get downstairs quickly. While we were eating our breakfast we had to watch out and see that no one got "Merry Chirstmas" on us. After breakfast we worked until nine o'clock and then we went to-bogganing and sliding, or amused ourselves in other ways. A little after nine we met Doctor Bancroft at the Wharf.

At ten o'clock we lined up and went to the assembly hall, where the presents were to be distributed. After waiting a short while we heard a noise and down the chimney came Santa Claus with several huge bags full of presents. He spoke to us for a few minutes, then with several instructors helping him, Santa Claus began to give out the presents. Each boy received a present from the School and presents from his friends. Each boy and instructor received a box of chocolates as a gift from the Alumni Association. After the gifts were distributed we left the assembly hall and got ready for dinner. We had a fine dinner and until three o'clock we played with our new games or read books and enjoyed ourselves in many other ways. At three o'clock we marched to the assembly hall. Mr. Adams had furnished a fine entertainment for us. Mr. Walter Eccles and Mr. Al Pearsall were the entertainers. They were both very funny and we were kept laughing most of the time. Their movie imitation was side-splitting.

We went to bed feeling very happy and thankful for the fine time we had and for our many presents.

Raymond H. McQuesten

Meeting Doctor Bancroft

On Christmas morning we were told that Doctor Bancroft was coming to spend the day with us. At 9:30 o'clock the boys from the Band were told to assemble by the Old Elm.

The rest of the School, detailed in squads with a leader, were told to hide along the course the Doctor would take and to wish him a "Merry Christmas" at intervals. About twelve boys were told to

get the carriage ready to meet the boat.

The Band marched to the Wharf. We saw the steamer about a half of the way back from the Point.

After playing a few pieces the Band, followed by the Doctor in the carriage, started off and marched up Back Road. Along the way the boys came out from their hiding places and wished the Doctor "Merry Christmas". At the house we gave three cheers and a tiger. We then got ready for the distribution of presents in the assembly hall.

Waldo E. Libby

Christmas Entertainment

Every Christmas afternoon we have an entertainment which is the gift of Mr. Arthur Adams. This year the people who entertained us were: Mr. Walter Eccles and Mr. Al Pearsall. It was one of the best entertainments ever given at the School.

Program follows:

Piano Specialty	*Al Pearsall*
Stories and Song	*Walter Eccles*
This is what he played	*Al Pearsall*
Kid Specialty	*Walter Eccles*
Saxaphone and piano	*Al Pearsall*
Scotch songs in Costume	*Walter Eccles*
Piano imitation	*Al Pearsall*
Burlesque Magic	*Walter Eccles*

It is very kind of Mr. Adams to provide such a fine entertainment for us and we all appreciate it very much.

Seymour C. McFadyen

The Christmas Concert

Sunday evening December 24 our annual Christmas Concert was given in chapel. This year it was different from our usual program. We gave a cantata called "The Nativity", which was adapted from old French Noels.

About twenty-five boys took part in it and every one wore a costume. For a background we had a large dark curtain streached across the chapel on which were stars to represent a night sky. The stage was two feet from the floor so everyone could see well. A large golden, electric light represented "in the east". Christmas trees were banked in wings and covered by many different colored lights. Snow and ice covered the roof and footlights and added much to the scenery. The program follows:

Song — Bells of Christmastide
Choir

Invocation
Mr. Swasey

Recitation — The Star in the East
Kenneth Kearns

Recitation — Jest 'Fore Xmas
William Anderson

Cantata — The Nativity

Samuel L. Whitehead

Vacation Week Activities

Vacation week was very good even though it did snow. Many of the boys played basketball, went skating, tobogganing and coasting. Two or three boys went to listen in on the radio set. Some of them went to the sloyd room to make models for their friends or themselves. Monday being New Years we worked until nine o'clock. We spent much time in playing basketball and various other things. School began Tuesday and many of us were glad to get back to our studies.

George D. Russell

Going to Church

Sunday morning, December 24, the first graders were told to change into their uniforms. At first I did not know why, but soon found out. Mr. and Mrs. Swasey and our Supervisor went with us to Hawes Unitarian Church in South Boston. We enjoyed the service very much. The music was wonderful, but we liked best of all the violin, cello and organ. That night we had our own concert which was very good. I think we all enjoyed this Christmas Sunday the best ever.

David Crystal

A Toboggan Slide

This winter we are fortunate in having a toboggan slide on the Front Lawn.

We had a heavy snowfall and then we made a long slide. After this was made the toboggans were sent down the slide until it was firm and hard. Near the bottom of the slide there is a rather sharp incline which makes the toboggans sail through the air. A little farther down there is another incline or bump, which if the toboggan is going fast enough, sends it over a little hill about six feet away. We think this great fun and every boy tries to see how far he can go. Some boys have gone as far as the end of the orchard.

The first graders can go tobogganing every day, the second graders every other day and the third graders on Saturday. We have six toboggans. The fastest is a big red one which has gone the farthest of any.

George L. Langill

A Band Concert

Saturday evening, December 9th, the annual Fall concert was held in the assembly hall. Our band director, Mr. Howard B. Ellis, was present and conducted it. A dance followed the program which is below.

Western World — *H. Moon*

Little Marie–Gavotte — *C. Benny*

Favorite Songs

A The Church's One Foundation

B Lead Kindly Light

C Silent Night

Merry Makers–March — *R. Hall*

Auf Wiedersehn — *Bailey*

SELECTIONS BY BEGINNERS' BAND

Exercises

Under Arms–March

Good Night Ladies

Viviane Overture — *Faust*

Thunderer–March — *Sousa*

Willard G. Schroeder

Heidi

In the sixth class we are reading a story called " Heidi ". It is about a little Swiss girl who lived in the Alps mountains with her grandfather. It is a very interesting story, and the boys like to read it very much.

William L. Young

Sea Gulls

There are many sea gulls around our Island. They have webbed feet and can swim and dive like ducks. They are very greedy and will eat almost anything. They feed mostly on fish and muscles. They sometimes carry a clam high into the air and let it fall on the rocks to break the shell. There has been a law passed forbidding the shooting of sea gulls. A patrol boat is always on the look out for people who shoot sea gulls.

Joseph G. Wasson

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Is there a Santa Claus? Children resent this question and quite rightly, for to them Santa Claus is as real as father and mother, and one of their earliest, and most trusted friends. He appears only once a year but seems always to know the things we wish for most, and there is something about this little round, jolly old man that endears him to the heart of all the world. The idea of his arriving in a sleigh with dancing reindeer and tinkling bells has taken fast hold of our imagination, but there are some who believe that he now travels in some modern fashion. How ever that may be, we know that he is a plump, jolly figure clad in red, with long white whiskers, and though he prefers good boys and girls, he really never forgets any child—rich or poor. In glad anticipation we allow ourselves to be tucked in bed on Christmas Eve and close our eyes tight in order to listen more carefully for the jingle of bells. And lo, next morning we find that Santa has indeed remembered us, and we know that all over the world he has been good to boys and girls.

And then somebody decides that there is no Santa Claus and banishes our dear little old man with a scornful toss of the head. It hurts our feelings but the arguments are good. How could Santa Claus take care of all the stockings in the world on one short night? How could he come down through a chimney? We don't like to be fooled on any question and so we go away and sit down and think it over carefully. The evidence certainly seems to be for banishing this jolly friend and yet he has been faithful to us through all these years. If there is no visible Santa Claus, why have we been made so happy on each Christmas morning, and who cares for boys and girls when

they hang up their stockings? In the end we may find that we can no longer believe in a visible Santa Claus as we have always pictured him, but we must still believe in the spirit of Santa Claus. He represents, in truth, the spirit of Love abroad on Christmas Eve to bring joy to the hearts of boys and girls and to tell us that the birthday of the Christ is here.

Calendar

Dec. 1 Ploughed piece by farmhouse path, also South End corn piece. Finished work on fence by Storage Barn.

The mason is here to do some repair work.

The pianos in chapel and band hall were tuned today,

Dec. 2 Manager G. L. DeBlois and daughter are here for the day trying their luck at the ducks on the East Side.

The last football game of the season was played to-day. Team D defeated Team C 37 to 7.

Dec. 4 Ploughed near farmhouse and piece by playground.

Dec. 5 Winter clothing given out today which consisted of new dark brown corduroy suits.

Richard B. Wigglesworth resigned today as a member of our Board of Managers. He is to leave soon for Washington, where his interests are centered.

Dec. 7 Hauled coal and fertilized piece by farmhouse.

Dec. 9 Killed pig, cleaned the barn.

Annual Fall concert was given this evening under the direction of Mr. Howard B. Ellis, '98.

Dec. 11 Hauled beet pulp and worked on woodpile.

Men here today to repair stoves and fix flues.

Dec. 12 New dishwashing machine for Boys' dining room arrived today.

Dec. 14 Worked on Willow Road and hauled gravel for barn yard.

Dec. 15 Cleaned corn barn and made trap door for floor in new barn.

Dec. 18 Got out sleighs, put wagons in Storage Barn, hauled coal and worked on wood pile.

Dec. 19 Blacksmith here this afternoon.

Holly, trees and evergreen arrived this afternoon for Christmas decorations.

Dec. 22 Killed pig weighing 337 pounds.

To-day was the last day of the Fall term. Christmas vacation of one week.

The first of the School calendars were printed to-day.

Dec. 24 Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Swasey, twenty-six boys and a number of Instructors, by invitation, attended services at Hawes Unitarian Church in South Boston this morning.

A Christmas Cantata, "The Natavity" was given in Chapel by some of the boys. The cantata was followed by carol singing.

Dec. 25 Christmas tree in Chapel this morning.

During the afternoon members of the White Entertainment Bureau entertained the Boys and Instructors. This is the annual Christmas gift of President Arthur Adams.

Doctor Bancroft and George Buchan, '97, spent Christmas with us.

Dec. 26 Four basketball teams were chosen tonight. The Captains are as follows: Samuel L. Whitehead, Team A; Kenneth E. Kearns, Team B; Theodore B. Hadley, Team C; Ivers E. Winmill, Team D.

Rollin A. Furbush, '18, student at Colby Academy is spending a few days here.

Manager Philip S. Sears visited the School this afternoon.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1872

As Kept by the Superintendent

Dec. 1 Cold disagreeable day.

Dec. 3 Monthly report. Admitted during the month; Sherman Grant Brasher, Edwin Forest Brasher, George Washington Nolan. In School at date 82.

Dec. 17 Mild. Put up storm doors. Manager S. G. DeBlois visited us.

Dec. 18 Carried a hog weighing 338 lbs. to Harrison Bird and Co., Quincy.

Dec. 25 Christmas, and cold enough too—ice all around. We did all we could to make it pleasent for the Boys and few visitors. Our tree was richely laden as heretofore, and everyone present received of its bounties.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, January 1, 1923

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$500.00
Other Investments	527.58
Cash.	218.34
	$1245.92

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$367.54
Deposits	878.38
	$1245.92

December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 53° on the 1st.

Minimum Temperature 10° on the 20th.

Mean Temperature for the month 31°.

Total Precipitation 1.18 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .60 inches on the 5th.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 4 partly cloudy, 13 cloudy.

Skiing

Sometimes when I am in the right grade I ask to go skiing. We have a few small hills here where we can ski. I can ski a little but hope to learn to ski better. I like skiing very much. Thomas A. Hall

A Code of Good Sports

This School not only teaches its students a trade but also builds each boy's character. Many ways are used, all of which have a definite purpose. One way is the reading of good literature, short compositions, etc. These shorter items are posted on a bulletin board in the assembly room, so all the Boys can read them.

Not long ago the Supervisor posted on the board a short code, called, The Code of Good Sports. This has been printed in some of the best magazines, notably The American. This code impressed me very much as it gave ten short rules to follow, all pointing out the right way to play the game of life. They were as follows:

Thou shalt not quit.

Thou shalt not alibi.

Thou shalt not gloat over winning.

Thou shalt not be a rotten loser.

Thou shalt not ask odds thou art not willing to give.

Thou shalt not take unfair advantage.

Thou shalt always be ready to give thine opponent the shade.

Thou shalt not under estimate thy opponent or over estimate thyself.

Remember that the game is the thing, and that he who thinketh otherwise is a mucker and not a true sportsman.

Honor the game thou playest for he who playest the game straight and hard wins even when he loses.

This code not only pertains to sports but it also pertains to life. The Boys were

impressed very much by it and we all try hard to live up to it. I thought the last one was the best one, as one can win even when he loses. Sometimes this is hard to see but we believe it is true. When these are followed our lives become more enjoyable, happier and everybody respects us more.

Theodore B. Hadley

Printing Calendars

Around the first of December we started to print calendars for 1923. These calendars are 11 inches square and are memorandum calendars. These calendars tell every important date or happening during the year of 1923. Such as, graduation, the class dance, etc. Twenty-five cuts were made of scenes taken during the past year of school. The cuts are about three by two and occupy on each page the upper left and right hand corners. The plan of our calendar is as follows: First the cover which has a picture of the Main Building upon it, with a design and the words, "Memorandum Calendar 1923." Then following the cover, the months, each occupying a whole sheet, go through to June. Then the calendar is turned around and on the back of June is July, on the back of May is August, and so on back to December which, "backs up" January. This makes seven separate sheets for each calendar. About five - sixths of each sheet is taken up by the calendar itself, while the other sixth is taken up by the cut at each corner at the top and between the two cuts are a few lines explaining the School and its work. After one form is printed of the calendar it is taken from the press and the cuts, numbers, and name of the month are changed. Then the next form is printed. When all the printing is finished we will start putting in the eyelets in each card and fastening them together with blue and gold cord. This is quite a task as we have to put two eyelets in each sheet. When the calendars are finished they will be sent to the parents of the Boys in the School, Managers, friends of the School, and others interested in the School.

Ivers E. Winmill

The Boys' Reading Room

The Boys' reading room is a convenient, pleasant little room across the corridor from the main office. It is the boys' privilege to go there at night. We can stay up until nine o'clock when we are in the right grade.

There are two racks, one for magazines, the other is for papers and larger magazines such as the Youths Companion, Country Gentleman and others. There are two cases at the other end of the room and one on the side. The case on the side has some of the Boys' cups. The other two cases are very interesting. One contains a fine collection of stuffed and mounted birds. There are many varieties of both North and South American birds. The other case has many relics such as Indian arrow heads, curious pieces of mineral and many other curious things.

There are two tables, many chairs, a fireplace and many pictures. All of the Boys like to use this room.

Clarence P. Hobson

Sawing Wood

Down on the farm we saw wood every day. We saw it after the work in the barn is done. We saw it for the kitchen and bakery fires. We use such tools as, cant hooks, axes, crosscut saws, buck saws, and sledge and wedges. Often it is cold. Except for that, sawing wood is very good work.

Bertrand R. Easton

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Charles T. Evans, '66, has sent the School a copy of his publication " Oaths of Allegiance in Colonial New England". It required much thought and study and is an interesting work. Mr. Evans lives in Chicago, Ill. His address is 1415 Pratt Boulevard, Rogers Park.

William Alcott, '84, who is now in his 35th year as a member of the staff on the Boston Globe has been transferred from night city editor, to day work and has been put in charge of the Globe reference library. For the past sixteen years Mr. Alcott has been the Globe's night city editor. This position is one of the most strenuous on the paper and Mr. Alcott's length of service in this position is longer than any former occupant and probably one of the longest in Boston journalism.

J. Henry Wilson, '89, who left Boston eighteen years ago and went West, has written an interesting letter to the School. His wife died eleven years ago and he was left to care for three small children. His daughter is now 16 and his sons 13 and 15. Mr. Wilson lives in Vancouver, Washington. His address is Box 18, Route 18. He would be glad to hear from his former schoolmates at The Farm and Trades School.

Don C. Clark '06, a teacher of Manual Training at the schools of Leominster, Mass. visited the School recently and spoke briefly to the Boys. Mr. Clark and family live at 789 Main Street, North Leominster.

George R. Jordan, '13, visited the School recently. He is employed by the Industrial Digest, 25 West 45th Street, New York City as Eastern Advertising Representative. Jordan lives in New York with his mother.

Frederick E. Munich, '20, who was a student at the Riggs School, Lakeville, Conn., until it closed permanently last May, is working on a farm at Washington Depot, Conn, His address is Box 14, R. F. D.

John Goodhue, '21, has written us that at this time he is taking orders for Christmas trees. John is with his father at Lakeport, New Hampshire.

Robert L. Dill, ex '24, is taking a course at the Lyndon Institute, Lyndonville, Vermont.

Choosing up in Basketball

Last Monday evening after the reading of grade we chose up for basketball. The boys who received cups last year, or the All-school team, were first allowed to pick four candidates for captains for the four teams. Then the rest of the school picked six more candidates for the teams. When the candidates were all chosen, the Boys were allowed to vote for four of them. The captains chosen were Samuel L. Whitehead team A, Kenneth E. Kearns team B, Theodore B. Hadley team C, and Ivers E. Winmill team D. The captain of team D always gets first pick of the players among the captains. There are twenty-two players on each team.

Chester W. Buchan

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The Merchant of Venice

A young man named Antonio
To a money lender went
To get some money for Bassanio,
Who all his money had spent.

Shylock was the money lender
And of money he was very fond.
He'd say, "If I don't get mine moneys
I surely will get my bond."

"Three thousand ducats is what I want",
Said Antonio one fine day
"And if you don't get your money inside of three months
One pound of my flesh will I pay."

When in three months the coin didn't come,
Old Shylock did sharpen his knife
And he said, "If I don't get my money
I can have my bond and his life."

Now when the day came for the trial
The sentencer was sick.
So Portia, who was Bassanio's girl,
Thought she would try a trick.

So she dressed up in some judge's clothes
And to the court she went
And on saving young Antonio's life
Her heart and soul were bent.

She said to Shylock in court that day,
"You can have your murderous will,
But I'll tell you now, you'll lose your case
If one drop of his blood you spill."

You ought to have seen old Shylock's face
As his heart went kerplank and sunk.
The black-hearted Jew felt sick that night
As they shoveled him into his bunk

The Jewish Jews when they heard of this
Were very, very, mad,
But Portia had saved Antonio's life
And she was exceedingly glad.

Herbert E. Wright

Dancing Lessons

One Monday evening, Mr. Swasey told us we were to have dancing lessons on Tuesday even ings for awhile. The boy were delighted as many of us do not know how to dance. The next Tuesday evening we dressed in uniforms and went to Chapel. We were introduced to our new dancing teacher whose name is Miss Curtis. She asked the boys whose numbers were from one to forty-five to line up and do some exercises. We then took boys for partners and learned how to do the waltz and one-step. We like dancing and are glad of the chance to learn how to do it well.

Frederick R. Metcalf

A Lecture

Wednesday evening, January 17, a lecture was given in the Chapel by Colonel McIntyre of the Salvation Army. He told us about some incidents in his life and the incidents in the lives of men he had helped to success. He said some of the men were drunkards, and loafers, and now they have high positions in business. He told us to bear these words in mind, "Honesty, Industry, and Economy" which will help you to success. It was a very interesting lecture and we hope he may speak to us again.

Willard G. Schroeder

Shoveling Snow

Wednesday afternoon, after school, we lined up for work and seven boys were told to shovel the snow from the Front Avenue. We all got snow shovels and began to work and it did not take long to make a path. When we finished we reported to the Supervisor.

Charles L. Claggett

Cleaning Off Horses

Another boy and I work from five until six o'clock taking care of the horses. We first give them hay. We then clean out the stalls. After this we clean off the horses. We have five horses, Doll, Dick, Tom, Jean and Colty. We first give Doll some water and then clean her. We repeat this to the other horses. Then we feed them grain and spread shavings in their stalls. We do this from five until six in the morning also.

Herbert E. Noble

A Duck

One day while another boy and I were sweeping off the wharf a duck swam out from underneath it and started to swim towards North End. When it had gone about 150 feet it came up on the beach, it had a very hard time doing this.

After I had finished my work I went to get the duck. It was on its back. I brought it up to the barn. The farm instructor got a box and put some straw in it and then put the duck in it.

George Adams

A Talk By Mr. Peshkoff

Mr. Batstone, our minister, invited his friend Mr. Peshkoff to come to speak to us.

Mr. Peshkoff told us about the experiences of his life and the condition of Russia in the past and the present.

He opened his talk by repeating the Lord's Prayer in Russian.

Mr. Peshkoff has been in this country for fifteen years, but has kept in touch with the affairs of Russia.

The main subject of his talk was the Revolution. He said it started over a hundred years ago.

When he was nineteen years old he joined the Revolutionists. He did not know what it meant, but he had heard the people say in their secret meetings that it was going to make his country free.

He was very interesting and we all enjoyed his talk very much.

David Crystal

My New Work

I work in the gymnasium and it is a good job. First I have to sweep the floor, and then dust and wash windows when I get some spare time.

Burton Dorman

Hauling Grain

Tuesday afternoon when we went down to the farm, the instructor told us to hitch up Dick and Doll in the box cart. Then we went down to the wharf and took the grain from the Steamer. We hauled it up to the Barn and piled it in the grain room. I like to haul grain very much.

William G. Hall

A Snow Plow

Last Saturday I had to go to town to have some dental work done. While I was there, I read a few magazines. I happened to look out of the window and I saw coming down the street a snow plow. It was run by a small tractor.

There was a large iron sheet in front. It was a scraper. As it moved along it would scrape up all the snow. As it was scraped up it would go into a conveyor. Then it would go up the conveyor then dump into a truck. This process was kept up until the truck was full, then the truck hauled it away.

An empty truck came up to go through the former process. Thus the streets become free from snow. It was very interesting to watch them work.

Clarence Hobson

Cutting Ice

One morning the Supervisor told several other boys and me to wrap up good and warm and help out on the Steamer. We went down to the Steamer and the Captain told us to get axes and come out on the ice. We chopped part way through the ice, and sawed the rest of the way. We cut out a cake of ice about one hundred and twenty-five feet wide. We did it to make the channel wider and open the basin so the Steamer could turn around without difficulty.

Howard S. Costello

Repairing the Wharf Gong

In winter when there is much heavy ice and snow, electric wires become broken or chaffed. A short while ago the wharf gong was out of order. My instructor asked me to try to find the trouble. I took a piece of wire about a foot long and tested at different circuits by crossing the wire. After testing everywhere I could, I found there was no ring. So I tried all the dry cells, which I found in good order I next looked at the bell. After knocking off the snow and ice, I found one wire disconnected. After repairing this, I telephoned to the office and asked them to try the bell. It worked all right, so I reported to my instructor.

Ralph S. Blake

Scrubbing Chapel

The other day the Supervisor told twenty boys to go to Chapel, other boys got scrubbing things and brought them up in Chapel. Ten boys started scrubbing at one end of the floor. We scrubbed for ten minutes on a strip, wiped it up and changed our water. Then we rinsed the strip with clear water for five minutes. After the floor has dried, it is waxed and polished, this makes the floor look very good.

Jay S. Vining

The Alumni Dinner

On January 10th fifteen boys of the School, who are members of the Alumni attended the annual dinner at the Hotel Bellevue. The boys that were members of the Band formed the Alumni Band, which consisted of three cornets, one baritone, two clarinets, one bass and one trombone and drum. We left the Island about five o'clock arriving at Hotel Bellevue about six o'clock. We spent a great deal of time greeting other members of the Alumni. When all was ready we filed to the dining room while the Band played. During the courses the Band played with Howard B. Ellis '98 conducting it. After the meal was finished Mr. Graham '77 called on different members of the Association and of the Board of Managers to speak. We enjoyed it greatly and regretted that it hadn't lasted longer.

Edward V. Osberg

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There are a great many people ready to tell you how to succeed in life. Recently there appeared in a magazine some reasons why people fail. The following figures were based on actual cases.

In the history of 207 business men who had failed, thirty per cent. were dropped because of "lack of industry" -- another name for laziness. They exerted little effort and were not keen to get ahead.

Sixteen per cent. "failed to follow directions." How important it is to learn from older, experienced people, and to realize that we must learn to take orders before we shall ever be able to give them.

Twelve per cent, lost out through "lack of courtesy and tact." Consideration of others is the foundation upon which success must be based.

Eight per cent. "lacked stick-to-itiveness" and a similiar number did not have "confidence holding qualities."

That makes two-thirds of the failures due to habits which might easily and quickly have been corrected at an earlier age. Do you think The Farm and Trades School graduates would fail for those reasons? We think not, but, instead of saying so in loud tones, let us quietly tuck these away under our hats for our own use, habits to be avoided.

Calendar

Jan. 1 New Year's Day. Celebrated with a dance in the evening.

Jan. 2 Fertilized piece by Farm House. Beginning of the Winter Term, School resumed after Christmas vacation of one week.

Mr. Swasey announced at Grade Reading a gift to the School of $75,000 as provided through the will of Charles G. Greene of Cambridge.

Jan. 4 Election of Cottage Row officers took place this evening. Officers elected: Ivers Winmill, Mayor; Luke W. B. Halfyard, Judge; John M. Levis, Treasurer; Archibald V. N. Beeman, Assessor; Kenneth E. Kearns, Chief of Police; Eric O. Schippers, John H. Schippers, George D. Russell, Theodore B. Hadley, James B. Scott, Aldermen; Clifton E. Albee, Clerk; Frederick R. Metcalf, Street Commissioner; Herbert E. Noble, Librarian; Gunnar E. Anderson, Janitor.

Jan. 5 Hauled wood for bakery.

Merton P. Ellis, '99, and Mrs. Ellis came tonight to spend the week end.

Jan. 6 Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, came over this morning to look over the books.

Kenneth L. Drown, '22, is here for the week end. First basketball game of the season this afternoon. Team B defeated Team A, 23-7.

Jan. 7 A lecture, accompanied by slides of Palestine, was given this evening in Chapel by Sunday Assistant Batstone.

Jan. 8 Repaired cow stantions.

Jan. 9 Team C won from Team D at basketball tonight. The score was 26 to 19. The F. T. S. Social Club was organized this evening. Members of the Club comprised the boys in the two upper classes. The officers are: Theodore B. Hadley, President; Kenneth E. Kearns, Vice-President; Edward V. Osberg, Secretary; Harold B. Buchan, Chester W. Buchan and Archibald V. N. Beeman, executive committee.

Jan. 10 Annual dinner of the Alumni Association was held at Hotel Bellevue this evening. Seventeen boys from the School, accompanied by Mr. Swasey, Mr. Bemis, '16 and Mr. Bacon, Ex '19, attended. Nine of the boys, members of the Band,under the direction of Howard B. Ellis, '97 took part in the program.

Jan. 11 Hauled coal.

Jan. 12 Meeting of Cottage Row officers this evening to discuss miscellaneous business.

Jan. 13 Basketball game this afternoon. Team C won from Team A 15 to 13.

Jan. 14 Mr. Peshkoff, of Russia and student at Gordon Bible College, spoke to the Boys this evening. His talk was of unusual interest and was greatly appreciated by the Boys and Instructors.

Jan. 15 Debate in Chapel this evening: Resolved—That a Six Year Course at The Farm and Trades School is better than a Four Year Course. The affirmative side taken by Theodore B. Hadley, Clifton E. Albee, Edward V. Osberg and Waldo E. Libby, won. The negative was presented by Samuel L. Whitehead, Gunnar E. Anderson, Chester W. Buchan and Harold B. Buchan. Manager Walter B. Foster was here for the evening.

Jan. 16 Filled in gutter along Back Road. Dancing lessons started this evening.

Jan. 17 Hauled wood for bakery, cleaned grain room. Colonel McIntyre, distinguished worker in the Salvation Army, spoke to the Boys and Instructors this evening. It was through the kindness of Mr. James Forgie that Colonel McIntyre came over and spoke to us.

Jan. 18 Cleaned and bedded pig pens.

A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Cottage Row was held this evening to take up the matter of taxes.

Jan. 19 Admission meeting — three new boys were admitted to the School; William J. Long, Jr., Harold E. L. Hutchinson and William C. Rowe, Jr.

Jan. 20 Basketball game this afternoon. Team D defeated Team B, 44-33

Jan. 22 Cleaned water pipe and re-

paired yard gate.

First meeting of the F. T. S. Social Club was held this evening.

Jan. 25 The Steamer Pilgrim was taken to Lawley's shipyard this morning to have its engine overhauled.

Jan. 26 Drew gravel for Back Road, killed heifer, tested milk.

Jan. 27 Team D won 21 - 19 this afternoon from Team A. John A. Robertson, '15, spent the morning here. New furniture for the Instructors' sitting-room arrived today.

Jan. 28 Mr. Yusufji, a native of India and a student of Gordon Bible College gave a talk to the Boys this afternoon, and told them of his experiences, during the evening. This is the third annual visit Mr. Yusufji has paid the School.

Jan. 29 President Arthur Adams visited the School this afternoon.

Jan. 30 The annual meeting of the Corporation was held today. The resignation of Manager Francis Shaw from the Board was brought up and Mr. Charles Wiggins 2nd, was elected to fill the vacancy.

The blacksmith was here this morning. Class in Machine Shop Practice was begun today.

Jan. 31 Killed hog weighing 348 lbs.

Cottage Row court was in session this evening to dispose of a few cases. Judge Halfyard presided.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

Jan. 1 A pleasant day for the commencement of the New Year. After getting sleighs in order, gave as many of our family as possible sleigh-rides. An instructor went across the ice to the Point.

Jan. 3 A thaw, rained quite hard in A. M. Snow wasting fast. Unsafe crossing.

Jan. 7 Cool—16 above zero. Went to city via Squantum.

Jan. 17 Went to city with boat. Got two iron bedsteads, two stoves, and other things to fit up Farm House for a hospital. Engaged a nurse to take charge.

Jan. 12 Pleasant day, wind southwest. Went to city with boat and annual report.

Jan. 18 Stormy, wind east, sleet. Thunder and lightning this evening.

January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 47° on the 21st.

Minimum Temperature 8° on the 7th.

Mean Temperature for the month 27°.

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A Basketball Game

The most exciting Basketball game so far this year was played Saturday, Jan. 13, between teams A and C. Leo S. Whitehead is the Captain of team A and Theodore B. Hadley of team C. The game began at 2.30 P. M. Before the game it seemed that C had more in its favor for winning. A, took an early lead of 8 points. About the middle of the game C had tied the score. In the last period, first one team was in the lead and then the other. When only three minutes were left to play, A was leading 13-10. Libby then scored from the sidelines, also on a foul he shot another basket. This tied the score. Then Higgins scored a field basket for team C, making it 15-13 which was the final score. We like games like this very much and hope to have more before the season closes.

Kenneth E. Kearns

The Trial

Wednesday evening a trial was held in the east basement. The Judge struck the gavel and said, "Meeting come to order; Police take charge." Then the Clerk read the warrants for the arrests. The Judge said "Prisoners, step forward." He then questioned them as to whether they were guilty or not guilty. If the defendent pleads guilty, the Judge fines him a certain amount of money. In case the defendent did not have enough money in the bank he was given so many hours work on Cottage Row. If the prisoner was "Not Guilty", he was tried by the Judge and a jury, if needed. If he was found to be guilty, he was fined more than he would have been, had he pleaded guilty in the first place. When the warrants were all read off the Judge asked if there was anything else to come before the meeting. Then one of the boys moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was then seconded, and we arose and filed to bed.

James Libby

Our Library

On Sunday mornings at nine o'clock the Supervisor sends a boy around telling the other boys if they wish to go to the library, to get ready. Then we sit on the benches in the assembly room until the librarian tells us to go up into Chapel. We then sit on the benches in Chapel until three other boys, who have chosen books, have gone downstairs. Then when our turn comes, we select our books, teacher in charge records our names, and the number of the book. We take our books and then go downstairs.

Anton Ericsson

Alumni Dinner

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Buchan, George '97
Buchanan, Robert J. '22
Buettner, Louis C. '91
Capaul, Edward '05
Clark, Robert L. '19
Darling, Norman W. '16
Davis, Will F. '79
Duncan, Charles '71
Edwards, Harold W. '10
Ellis, Donald W. '20
* Ellis, Howard B. '98
Ellis, Merton P. '97
Fearing, Arthur D. '84
Fearing, Frederick P. '82
Gilbert, Ralph H. '16
Graham, James H. '79
Hanson, Richard H. '21
Howard, Otis M. '67
Hutchinson, Peter J. '65
Jacobs, Alfred W. '10
Jorgensen, Ernest N. '08
Kirwin, Walter J. '77
Langille, Ralph L. '19
Larsson, G. George '17
Lochrie, Howard F. '16
Loud, Clarence W. '96
Malm, Alfred C. '01
MacPherson, Donald S. '17
Morse, William A. '76
Norwood, Walter D. '05
O'Conner, William F. '08
Pendergast, Joseph L. '16
Plunkett, Geoffrey E. '14
Sargent, John M. '97
Slocomb, Ernest E. '14
Smith, Daniel E. '20
Smith, Willis M. '22
Thayer, Frederick P. '04
Thompson, Robert F. '22
Wallace, Frank. '82
Woodman, Frank E. '18

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The seventeenth annual dinner of the Alumni Association was held on Wednesday evening, January 10th at Hotel Bellevue, Boston, with a record attendance of 79. President James H. Graham acted as toastmaster and called upon President Arthur Adams of the Board of Managers who gave a detailed statement of the financial condition of the School and spoke of the gift of $75,000 from the estate of Charles G. Greene. President Adams neglected at this time to make announcement of his Christmas gift of a son born December 24. Acting Supt. Paul F. Swasey was next called upon and spoke of changes and plans at the School including the new course. In closing he gave the following as his idea of the word Alumni.

A Association met here tonight
L Love in our hearts burning bright
U Unity of purpose and will
M Memories of days lingering still
N Need that for you requires little stress
I Interest unending in the F. T. S.

Supt. Swasey did not mention that among the latest arrivals at the School was his wife Eunice Hunt Swasey. They were married at Lake George, N. Y., on September 5th, 1922.

Secretary Merton P. Ellis, now serving his twenty-first year, gave the membership as being 240 and the total of the Alumni Fund $6743.00 He spoke of the changes in the constitution of the Association which did away with initiation fees and compulsory dues, and instead contributions are expected to finance the Alumni. The War Service list now amounts to 115, of which six have made the Supreme sacrifice. The Christmas candy for the Boys at the School was given this year by the Alumni instead of others as in the past. Secretary Ellis ended his remarks by asking for money for a volley ball for the School which was quickly subscribed.

The business session was followed by brief speeches by a number of the Managers and members of the Association. Among the Alumni who spoke was C. Henry Bradley, '03, son of late Superintendent Charles H. Bradley, who announced the birth of Charles H. Bradley 3rd.

A feature of the dinner was a band of nine pieces made up of members of the Association now taking the advanced course at the School.

Those present were:

MANAGERS

Adams, Arthur
Burr, I. Tucker
Evans, Thomas J. '64
Foster, Walter B. '78
Gardiner, Robert H. Jr.
Hefler, Alden B. '87
Jackson, Henry
Mason, Charles E.
Pierce, Roger
Sears, Philip

SCHOOL

Swasey, Paul F.
Bemis, Elwin C. '16
Bacon, Wallace A. Ex. '19
* Albee, Clifton E. '21
Beeman, Archibald V. N. '22
* Buchan, Chester W. '21
* Buchan, Harold B. '21
* Cameron, Malcolm E. '19
* Giese, Robert J. '21
* Hadley, Theodore B. '21
Halfyard, Luke W. B. '21
* Kearns, Kenneth E. '22
Keith, Howard E. '22
* Libby, Waldo E. '22
McFadyen, Seymour C. '22
McKenzie, Alexander '22
* Osberg, Edward V. '22
Robertson, Edward J. '22
Schippers, Eric O. '21
Schippers, John H. '21

ALUMNI

Adams, Russell A. '19
Alcott, William '84
Allen, Eldred W. '16
Allen, Ivers R. '16
Bell, George L. '82
Bell, Richard '73
Bemis, Edmund S. '13
Bradley, Charles H. Jr. '03

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THOMPSON'S ISLAND
BEACON

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King Phillip's War

As each winter season approaches every boy feels that the most enjoyable part of the year is coming. At this time several holidays occur, one following another quite rapidly. There are none of these enjoyed quite as much as Washington's Birthday. On this day we have what is known as the, "King Phillip's War".

On the evening of February 12 preparation for this event was begun. The Boys elected two leaders for the respective armies. Samuel Whitehead represented the Settlers and Waldo Libby the Indians. These two captains picked two boys to act as coaches. They were Luke Halfyard and Malcolm Cameron. The armies were then chosen.

About a week previous to the battle the Boys passed to the assembly hall to discuss the various rules of the game. In past years in order to make a capture a boy would touch his enemy and say, "Halt! Your my prisoner!" This year the rules changed as follows; Each boy wore a hat which denoted a special rank. These hats resembled scalps. In order to capture an enemy a boy was to scalp him or take his hat. This rule brought about several exciting battles as each boy had to keep his own scalp and capture the enemies'. After a boy lost his scalp he was dead. He returned to his camp and by way of treaty and exchange of scalps was able to secure his scalp. He was then eligible to fight again.

The various rules and laws were posted in conspicuious places and after several discussions had taken place we thought we could make definite preparations for the battle.

Finally the day arrived. At half past two the Indians were given one-half hour to get to their fort. During this time the Settlers also went to their fort. The year is 1620. A lone Settler appears in the woods and open fields exploring the country. He is attacked by a group of Indians. He is scalped! The battle is on!

The Settlers back at their camp feared that something had happened to their comrade. A few went out searching for him. These were also attacked. The Settlers at their camp witnessed this scene and hurried to the rescue. Signals were passed to the Indian camp and the full tribe advanced. The two armies met and staged a fine battle. Finally the Indians retreated. They had lost the first fracas.

After delivering about a dozen or more scalps to their camp the Indians divided up into small groups to capture lone Settlers that might be roaming about.

While the Indians were engaged in this task the Settlers captured the Indian camp. The remaining Indians, aware that their camp had been captured, kept away.

They led the Settlers a merry chase all over the Island, but at last they were all captured. The last Indian to be captured was King Phillip.

As the Settlers had now captured the complete Indian Army the battle was over.

The Indians left their camp at South End and marched to the Main Building.

The victorious Settlers were presented with a banner which read "Victory Feb. 22," A few of them took their instruments and lead a parade. The Settlers were given their trophy and being led by the Indian's Band took it to the gym where it was eaten with the help of many Indians. The day was happily spent and those who won the fight felt richly rewarded.

Clifton E. Albee

Roads On Our Island

We have many roads on our Island. Some are gravel and others are plain dirt. We have the Front and Rear Avenues which lead to the house from the Wharf. We have Back Road, which goes from the coal pile to the Power House connecting with the Rear Avenue.

We also have two roads that go to different places; one follows the beach, called the Farm House Road past the Farm House, Root Cellar, vegetable garden, nursery and joins the Beach Road which is the other road following the beach.

We also have Highland Road that leads to the north end of the Island.

Bertrand R. Easton

Being A Waiter

Last week I asked the dining room instructor if I could wait on the boys at noon and night, this week, and she consented. When the boys come in the dining room I have on a white apron and stand by my table. I do not begin to wait until after the conversation bell has rung.

Kenneth W. Dow

Making a Trip

The Steamer makes a trip nearly every day to get the mail and freight.

During the winter the bay across to City Point freezes over and it takes the Steamer quite awhile to make the trip on account of the ice. The Steamer is prepared to cut ice by her durable hull sheathing. Over the original hull is screwed a sheathing of strong oak boards. Then over this on the bow are some heavy brass plates. Sometimes as of late, the Steamer has to go ahead, back, and go ahead again, keeping this up until, she forces her way through. Some times the Steamer lays over until five o'clock and when we return the tide has closed the passage we made going out, and we have to cut a new one.

Samuel L. Whitehead

A Picture

In our school room there is a picture of Washington's house at Mt. Vernon. It is a most magnificent white house. In the background there are more white cabins and around the house are some trees. In the front of the house is a wonderful lawn all lovely and green. The picture is from 2½ to 3 feet long and ½ a foot wide. It is a very good picture.

John A. Arkerson

My Arrival

When I first arrived here, I felt out of place and lonesome. When the Boys came in from work at night, I was cheered up a lot. The Boys seemed anxious to make me feel at home and I soon forgot about being lonesome. I have met quite a few boys and I think they are fine. I hope to join one of the baseball teams this spring.

William Rowe

A Basketball Game

On Saturday, February 17, through the kindness of our minister Mr. Batstone, the Gordon Bible College Basketball team came over and played our School team. We had been practicing our team for about two weeks and so were ready for them.

They arrived about one o'clock and went up to the gymnasium to practice so as to become accustomed with our playing floor.

At 2:30 the game began. In about two minutes the School team scored. At the end of the first half the score stood: School 14, Gordon 6.

During the game many substitutes were put in for the School which kept most of the players fresh.

In the third quarter the School spurted ahead and were never in danger after that. The final score was, F.T.S. 30, Gordon 22.

Libby and Halfyard excelled for the School and Batstone and Fish for Gordon. The lineup:

School		Gordon
Russell	L. F.	Fish, Capt.
Libby	R. F.	Sedmore
Halfyard, Capt.	C.	Batstone
Kearns	L. G.	Palmer
Whitehead	R. G.	Porter

Subs. Winmill, D. McKenzie, Robertson, Hadley, E. Schippers.

We like to play outside teams very much.

Kenneth E. Kearns

Choosing for King Phillip's War

Monday evening after Grade reading Mr. Swasey announced to the Instructors that we were going to choose up for a King Phillip's War. After the Instructors had passed out, Mr. Swasey told us of a plan which he and the Supervisor had thought of to improve the game. As we discussed it we became more interested. Then we nominated about ten boys for captain and voted. The two boys with the largest number of votes were elected captains. They then tossed a coin to see which boy had his first choice. The captains then chose alternately until every boy in the School was chosen. We hope to make this War the best one fought yet.

Howard H. Sturtevant

Carrying Wood to the Wood Cellar

One afternoon the head farm instructor told another boy and I to harness Dick and Doll, two of our horses and hitch them into the pung. He told us to haul wood to the wood cellar. We harnessed the horses and hitched them to the pung. Then we drove down to the wood pile which is back of the storage barn. Here we were to get the wood. We loaded the pung with as much wood as possible. We then drove to the wood cellar and unloaded. At the end of the afternoon we hauled six loads up to the wood cellar. We then drove the pung into the barn, unhitched and unharnessed the horses and put the blankets on them. By this time it was near supper time so we got ready to go up to the house.

George Russell

Band Practice

All boys who are in the band are required to get in at least three hours a week of practice. In the band-hall there are two charts, one for boys in the beginners' band and one for the regular band boys, to mark down the time they have spent in practice.

Most boys get their practice in every week.

Arthur Turner

Thompson's Island Beacon

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The shortest month of the year, February, has come again. Many people think of it only as the second and shortest month in the year. To others it means just so much time to work and accomplish things.

At The Farm and Trades School, the month of February means much more than just the passing of time. To us, it is the month of inspiration. People may wonder why we look at it as such. During its short duration, we know that America's two great leaders, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington were born. We observe their birthdays.

Another birthday occurs during the month, which we honor and reverence. I refer to the birthday of our former Superintendent, Mr. Charles H. Bradley. His life gave an inspiration to all loyal Farm and Trades School Boys. Let us consider the lives of each of these three.

The first of these is Lincoln's which occurs February twelfth. His life means much to any real American. Born in poverty, with no education except that which he attained by his own hard efforts, he rose to the highest and most honored position of our country. Lincoln was a man of the people. He knew them. Few men have ever faced a greater task. To preserve our Union, and at the same time to free about three million slaves, Lincoln recognized as the task God had appointed for him. We all know how courageously he assumed the task and how successfully he accomplished it.

Many are the wonderful stories we hear of his kindness, love, generosity and patience. Although he was President he always remained the same simple, frank, open-minded man. He was loved as few

men have been by a nation. Surely the memory of his struggle for an education, his loving kindness and the tremendous tasks he accomplished are an inspiration to us. What a wonderful country we should have, if we had more men like Lincoln.

The following day occurs the birthday of one whose life was more closely lived with us. No one of us ever saw personally or spoke to the great President Lincoln, but we have seen, talked with and loved our former Superintendent Charles H. Bradley. His life inspired us and filled us with admiration.

During his 33 years as Superintendent of The Farm and Trades School some of the things he accomplished were, the establishing of Cottage Row, the Meteorological Station, the building of the Power House and the starting of a new six year course. Many other improvements were his ideas.

To the Boys he was more than a Superintendent. He was more like a father. He loved and reprimanded us alike. He was always ready to listen to our troubles and never failed in his help or consolation. He was prominent in numerous Boston organizations and had many friends. The comfort of the Instructors and Boys came before his own, and we owe many of our pleasures, necessities, good times and means of recreation to his forethought and hard work.

Those of us who knew Mr. Bradley well realize what he meant to us. We think of him as a lovable, generous and helpful friend. He taught us what was right and would not tolerate wrong. It has been said that all one had to do was to read the account of his life and works to find an inspiration. We cherish his memory, his ideals and try to live up to them.

Surely, Mr. Bradley's life holds a vast inspiration for the Boys and graduates of The Farm and Trades School.

The third birthday is Washington's.

When we consider his life we realize what a great man he was and his great service as a patriot.

Although he came of a weathly family the obstacles he faced were harder than most men have. No wonder we call him the Father of Our Country. Without his genius the Revolution would undoubtedly have deen a failure or at least prolonged.

He worked as few men have and suffered as many have. The faith by which his men followed him during the war shows that he was an acknowledged leader. We know that Washington was always just, generous and helpful. He stood for the right. He was always honest and sincere to his family, friends and nation. Little need be said about his career. We need more men of his kind.

With the birthdays of three men who mean so much to us, coming within a period of ten days, it is easy to see why February means so much to the Boys of The Farm and Trades School.

We can't all expect to attain fame as Washington and Lincoln did by leading the Nation, or to be such wonderful teachers and workers as Mr. Bradley was.

There is one thing we can do. We can, while young, try to follow the example of these men. Today the world needs men of their type, and the young people of today are the ones who will make the future era what it is to be.

We must work hard. None of these men became prominent by shiftlessness.

We all know Lincoln worked hard all his life, that Washington accomplished a most tremendous task, and our own Superintendent worked to the most of his ability all through his life. It is up to us to do all that is in our power to become men whom our country and people may have faith in.

Let us strive on, to do all we can to become men who will improve the world in some way and make the life of the people better. Let us try to be men with perseverance, kindness and simplicity like Lincoln, with the courage, strength and genius of Washington and with the love, ability and character of our former Superintendent, Mr. Charles H. Bradley.

Calendar

Feb. 1 Moved iron from old barn.

Feb. 2 Cleaned sleighs and wagons.

Feb. 3 Cleaned ice from roof of barn.

Robert F. Thompson, '22, came over this afternoon to spend the week-end.

Team B defeated Team A in basketball this afternoon. The score was 24 to 21.

Feb. 4 William Alcott, '84, is visiting the School over the week-end. It was 45 years ago today that Mr. Alcott entered the School as a student. He gave an interesting talk to the Boys in chapel this morning.

Feb. 5 Hauled coal.

The Shaw Conduct prizes and the Temple Consolation Prizes were given out tonight after Grade reading. The Crosby cups and shield were also awarded.

The members of the two upper classes gave an entertainment for the Instructors this evening.

Feb. 6 The boys in the printing office accompanied by their instructor and Mr. and Mrs. Swasey visited the office of the Boston Globe this afternoon. This visit was made possible by Mr. Alcott, '84, who for a number of years was night city editor of the Globe.

The first grade boys and a number of instructors enjoyed a skating party at South End to-night.

Feb. 7 Mended horse blankets.

Feb. 8 Repaired horse stalls.

The first and second graders spent a portion of the evening skating.

Feb. 9 Drew wood from South End to wood pile and pruned apple trees.

Feb. 10 A basketball game tonight. Team D beat Team C, 29 to 23.

Feb. 12 Cleaned basement of New Barn.

Boys chose up sides for Washington's birthday celebration.

Feb. 13 Mr. Bradley's birthday, memorial exercises in the evening.

Feb. 14 Killed hog weighing 298 lbs. Cleaned Old Barn.

Feb. 15 Hauled shavings.

Feb. 17 School team defeated Gordon Bible College this afternoon at basketball in our gymnasium by the score of 30 to 22.

Daniel Smith, '20, and Barton Slade '22, were here for the afternoon.

Feb. 19 Made trip to Boston by way of Squantum.

Feb. 20 Pruned apple trees.

Received gift today of a number of victrola records from Merton P. Ellis '97.

Mr. Baker of the Boston Trades School here for the afternoon.

George Buchan, '97, is here for over the holiday.

Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday. Annual celebration, this year King Phillip's War. Captain S. Leo Whitehead of the Colonies won from Waldo Libby who was King Phillip, for the Indians.

Manager Gorham Brooks and son Shepherd were here for the afternoon.

Leslie Jones, '06, came over to take pictures of the King Phillip's War.

Feb. 23 Killed hog weighing 331 lbs.

Feb. 24 A few Instructors walked across the ice from City Point to-day.

Feb. 26 Cut ice away from channel this morning.

The first of a series of intelligence tests were given to-day.

Feb. 28 Team C won from Team A in basket-ball, 32 to 25 this afternoon.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

Feb. 2 A pleasant day.

The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Matron all sick with the influenza.

Feb. 3 Sick all better. Wrote and sent monthly report and letter to Manager DeBlois.

Feb. 5 Lovely day. Set large boys to filling beds and cleaning sleeping rooms.

Feb. 6 Went to the City today. Managers DeBlois and Weld visited the Island.

Feb. 9 Weather more mild, but towards night it began to blow and grow cold. At 10 o'clock it was 10 above zero.

Feb. 19 Gave Boys a sleigh ride in the double sleigh.

Feb. 22 Blustering day, no out-of-door work.

Feb. 24 Cold, 4 degrees below zero. Mr. Martin crossed on ice via Savin Hill and got the mail, as we had not heard from the Post Office since last Tuesday.

Feb. 27 Calm lovely day. Manager DeBlois and Dr. Homans visited us. Gave Mr. DeBlois a sleighride—a novelty never before enjoyed on the Island.

Feb. 28 The month has been rough, cold and stormy.

February Meteorology

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A Quotation

The other day as I was looking through a hymn book I saw the following words:

"All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother." *Lincoln*

When I came to think it over I wondered if every boy thought as much of his mother as Lincoln. I think we all should.

William M. Hall

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Beginning this month, this page, or a portion thereof, will be devoted to printing the names of all Alumni and the year they left the school or graduated, starting with 1850. With these names we will endeavor to print their present addresses.

The School and Alumni Association would greatly appreciate receiving any information concerning the members of the various classes.

1850

Bartow, John
Bean, Christopher A.
Black, William H.
Corthell, Washington I.
Day, John J.
Donovan, Timothy
Faxon, George A.
Finch, George M.
Finnegan, John
Fletcher, George F.
Foster, Edwin W.
Gardner, James W.
Gardner, William A. F.
Gillespie, Terrance
Gonsalves, Willam B.
Grose, Joseph R.
Hand, William A.
Harvey, James W.
Henry, John J. Deceased July 11, 1908.
Hiller, Charles
Holman, Solaman B. 33 Pearl Street, Dorchester.
Hubenbecker, Henry
Hudson, John R.
Kirkpatrick, William
McLane, John
McMahon, Michael
McManners, Edward
Mitchell, John W.
Patterson, William J.
Pierce, Mark W.
Sherman, Samuel G.
Stodder, Demerick
Teever, Thomas
Tucker, Sameul F.
Watterman, John E. W.

1851

Adams, George G.
Ambrose, Stephen
Barrett, Edward
Brown, Thomas
Buell, Sylvester R.
Clark, Arthur
Caoper, James
Cusack, J.
Day, Joshua D.
Duffy, Charles
Duffy, George
Duncan, John
Emery, E. C. F.
Grey, George C.
Hammer, Cornelius C.
Handley, Dennis
Harding, William J.
Hartshorn, Henry L.
Houston, Isaac
Kalean, John
Kimball, George F.
Lefavor, John S.
Lefavor, James H.
Lincoln, Eugene O.
Mann, William W.
McDermott, Edward
McGuire, Francis
McGuire, John
Moulton, Willian J.
Neagle, Joseph
Okaaffe, David
Patch, Daniel
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Chamber of Commerce

The most recent and interesting development of our City Government, Cottage Row, is the establishment of the Chamber of Commerce.

It was proposed to us by our school teacher and was organized in January 1923 as the F. T. S. Social Club. It is composed of the boys of the first two classes.

Officers were elected soon after and the newly organized club began its first steps of development. Just like other new clubs its progress was uncertain and at times existence was doubtful. What it really needed was something to back it up, something to increase its power, growth and influence. Plan after plan was tried with no definite result. Finally our superintendent, Mr. Swasey, proposed that we should make it the Chamber of Commerce of Cottage Row. This plan was adopted with much success and a provision was made in the Cottage Row Charter as follows:

"There shall be a Chamber of Commerce consisting of the boys of the first two classes."

The real weak point was strengthened at last, as Cottage Row has been an established institution of our School since it was founded in 1888 by Mr. Charles H. Bradley, our late superintendent. For thirty-five years this minature government has been developing through the different stages of community life slightly changed to meet modern requirements.

There are two sides to our organization, the social side and the business side. First taking the business side of affairs the Chamber of Commerce aims to improve and work for the benefit of the School and Cottage Row.

One purpose of the organization in this line is to use its influence to secure capable candidates for Cottage Row offices. Cottage Row has been benefited by numerous helpful suggestions by different members of the organization.

A committee was appointed to set up a constitution on which the principals of of the club will be based.

Officers are elected at the beginning of each school term. At present the board of officers consists of a president, vice president, secretary, and an executive committee consisting of a chairman and two others who are chosen by the chairman.

The duties of the officers correspond to those of other clubs.

The next consideration is the social attitude of the club. Along with business comes the good times such as dances, parties and entertainments. The most successful enterprise of the first term was an entertainment given on March nineteenth for the benefit of the Boys and Instructors.

It opened by a comedy (Joshing the Janitor) which came out very successful, due

to the efforts of our star comedians. Waldo Edwin Libby and Kenneth Edward Kearns.

This was followed by a debate on the subject, Resolved: That a boy brought up in the country has more of a chance to succeed in life than a boy brought up in the city. As a result the affirmative side won. The whole evening was a complete success and was enjoyed by everybody.

Thus it is shown that the Chamber of Commerce is working for the benefit of the School, Cottage Row and the Boys.

The officers of the present term are:

Theodore Barker Hadley
President
Kenneth Edward Kearns
Vice-President
Clifton Ellsworth Albee
Secretary
Edward Valdemar Osberg
Archbald Van Ness Beeman
Malcolm Ellis Cameron
Executive Committee

Edward V. Osberg

Sword Drill

Mr. Batstone, our Sunday School teacher, found a new way for us to learn the books of the Bible. Each Sunday morning he brings from fifteen to twenty verses written on a piece of paper with him.

He reads the number of one, and the first boy to find the verse gets a mark to his credit. When Mr. Batstone goes away this summer a prize will be given to the boy with the most marks to his credit.

Francis E. Floyd

The Auto Show

On Wednesday morning, March 14, I was told to get ready to go to the Boston Auto Show. After we were changed into our uniforms, we went up to the reading room where we were told to go down to the steamer. After we landed at City Point we took a car and started for Mechanics Building, arriving there about 10 o'clock. We formed into groups of five boys and went all over the building We saw some very fine automobiles. Some were all apart and others had their engines going by electricity. There were some big touring roadsters, sedans, trucks and a house car. We each got a pin with a number on it. If you happened to see someone else with a pin on bearing the same number, the two pins were to be taken to the place where they were given out and you would receive $10 in gold. We left the building at 11:30 A. M. and got back to the Island about 1:00 P. M.

Arthur R. Blackwell

Welding

I was taught how to weld iron rings last Friday. First I got a piece of iron and heated the ends and pounded them to 4 cornered points. I then bent it into a circle and had two flat sides of the points touching. I held it in the forge until it was white hot then dipped it into the sand. The sand melts onto the iron and prevents it from burning and helps keep the heat in the iron. I did this a few times and then put it on the horn of the anvil and hammered the joint so that the iron would hold together. The joint is then rounded and scraped and the model is complete.

Archibald V. N. Beeman

Taking Pictures

One day I was told to go down to the farm and ask if a horse and sleigh could be borrowed to go over to South End. The Supervisor asked me to go back and get his field glasses. Then I ran over to South End with the glasses and when I got there I saw one of the other sleighs on the ice coming from Squantum. The Supervisor took quite a few pictures, then we got in the sleigh and rode back. I hope I may see the pictures when they are developed.

William M. Hall

The Third Class Dance

The class dance of '23 was held Friday evening, March ninth, in the Assembly Hall.

Before the ninth, boys of the class sent out invitations to the Instructors, graduates and a few other boys.

The hall was decorated very prettily in blue and gold streamers, twisted, and run from the droplights to corners of the room, and then crossing from light to light. In the front of the hall were two cozy corners. Large blue and gold pennants were hung in the windows, curtain style, and the orchestra played in the south corner.

At eight o'clock, the boys of the class who invited women Instructors, called for them and escorted them to the dance hall. At the door, programs of yellow paper and blue print were given out. The ladies had programs with tassels on them and the men with pencils. The men filled out their partner's program.

During the intermission, cake and ice cream were served as refreshments. These were served by four waiters of the entertainment committee, who were dressed in white.

After the last Waltz the boys who had women Instructors for partners, escorted them back to their rooms.

Altogether the dance proved a wonderful success and we all had an enjoyable time.

Samuel L. Whitehead

Making a Slide

Last Saturday morning the Supervisor told me to go down the Front Avenue and help make a slide. I got wrapped up warm and reported to the boy in charge. He asked me to carry some water and sprinkle it on the snow, to make it freeze to ice. I carried down about ten pails full and then the bell rang.

William L. Young

My Work in the Dormitory

When the boys first get up to the dormitory in the morning they make beds, sweep, dust, and scrub. Sometimes we scrub the dormitiories and back stairs. There are two boys in each dormitory which are, North, East, and West. The boys make beds, dust, and sweeps the men instructors' rooms. At quarter past eleven we go downstairs to get ready for dinner.

George W. Hartley

Study Hours

We all enjoy the school work of the two additional years. One of the things we especially enjoy is the time allowed us for studies in the evening, during our play time, or any spare time we have.

On Mondays and Wednesdays after our regular classes, which continue from one o'clock to half past three we have drawing. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have agriculture. On Friday after our regular classes we have the privilege of coming to the schoolrooms to study until five o'clock. We make our time go as far as possible into making up back lessons. This extra time is a great help. We wish to thank the ones that have, and are making it possible for us to do this.

Howard E. Keith

Cleaning Out the Hot Beds

One afternoon I was told to help another boy clean out the hot beds which are over beyond the Farm House. We got shovels and started over to the hot beds. When we arrived we found we had quite a job. The snow had drifted in and was packed quite hard. The other boy started at one end and I at the other. It took quite a while to finish it. When we had started on another one it began to rain so we started for the Barn.

~~George D.~~ Russell
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When you are asked to do a thing, do you say, "I can't" or "I'll try"?

According to the way you answer this question your success in all that you undertake depends. Never say, "It can't be done". There may be difficulties to be surmounted, there may be time needed for it, it may involve expense, but if it is worth all these, it can be done.

Can a bridge be built across the Atlantic Ocean? Yes. One of the world's greatest engineers has been quoted as saying that it can. Probably it will never be built because of the cost of the undertaking.

When one of the Chicago newspapers moved its offices not long ago, the whole process was completed in one Sunday without interfering with the work of the paper. An "extra" was issued early Sunday morning from the old building; by nine o'clock Sunday night all departments of the paper were at work in the new building. Forty-three truck vans were used for the work. They moved fifty-seven linotype machines, nine steam tables weighing seven and a half tons each, and the entire equipment of the engraving department.

Such gigantic undertakings show us that almost anything can be done. It simply needs the will strong enough to put it through. Are you training your will power by always saying — "I'll try"?

Calendar

March 1 Agricultural class with their Instructor measured the North End of the Island this afternoon.

James B. Rouse, '21, was here for over Sunday.

March 2 Killed veal calf weighing 150 pounds.

March 3 Pruned apple trees.

Richard B. Hanson, '21, is visiting the School briefly.

March 6 Shoveled snow from hot

beds and worked on tide gates.

March 9 Class dance. '23, was given this evening. Howard B. Ellis, '98, and Daniel E. Smith, '20, assisted with the music. The hall was prettily decorated and the evening was greatly enjoyed.

March 12 Cleaned old barn.

Robert Ellis, Ex. '24, left the School today to go west with his mother.

March 14 Through the kindness of Walter D. Norwood, '04, and Mr. Campbell twenty of the boys attended the automobile show at the Mechanic Building this morning.

Cleaned grain room also drain in the barnyard.

March 17 Twenty more boys went over to the auto show today.

March 21 Dragged roads and put sleighs in old barn.

March 18 Mr. Franco, a student at Gordon Bible College and a native of the Phillipines, gave the Boys and Instructors an interesting talk this evening.

March 22 Cleaned colony houses. Blacksmith was over in the afternoon.

March 23 Cleaned the rubbish from orchard, killed hog weighing 325 pounds.

Boiler inspector was over today to inspect steamer and Power House boilers.

March 25 Cleaned root cellar.

March 26 Mr. Peskoff of Russia, now studying at the Gordon Bible College, talked to the boys tonight. He explained conditions in Russia and the boys enjoyed his second visit fully as much as his first earlier in the winter.

March 27 Ploughed piece by root cellar and by farm house.

Members of the Observatory Staff accompanied by Mr. Swasey visited the government Weather Bureau station at the Boston Post Office today.

March 28 Fertilized hot beds and piece by Cottage Row.

March 29 Screened dirt for hot beds and hauled seeds to seed house.

Twenty-three boys and a number of the Instructors, by invitation of Reverend Marks, attended a concert this evening by the Tufts Glee Club at Hawes Unitarian church.

March 30 School closed today for the annual Spring vacation of one week.

Manager Walter B. Foster spent the afternoon visiting the School.

March 31 David E. Long, '22, and Cyrus W. Durgin, '21, were visitors at the School today.

A box containing many books was received today. A gift to the boys from the son of Manager M. B. Jones.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1873

As Kept by the Superintendent

March 1 A fine day. Bought new books for school.

March 2 Sunday, calm and mild, Superintendent and teachers officiated.

March 3 Severe snow-storm.

March 5 Bay full of ice.

March 10 Another severe snow-storm.

March 17 A terribly windy day, could do nothing out of doors.

March 18 Cobbler came over to mend boys' boots.

March 24 A cold disagreeable day. Mercury at 16 above zero.

March 29 Went to City and was obliged to return via Spuantum on account of wind.

At The Old Barn

Yesterday some of the farm boys went to the storage barn to clean up and put things in order. We swept up the loft and put the dirt into barrels. We also swept the ground floor good and hoisted into the loft some of the extra wheels, barrels and machinery on the first floor.

Bradbury A. Rand

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 62° on the 23rd.

Minimum Temperature 11° on the 20th.

Mean Temperature for the month 33°.

Total Precipitation .18 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours .05 inches on the 13th.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation. 10 clear days, 8 partly cloudy, 12 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement, April 1, 1923

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$500.00
Other Investments	777.58
Cash	125.70
	$1403.28

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$414.07
Deposits	989.21
	$1403.28

IVERS E. WINMILL, President — JOHN M. LEVIS, Teller

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Ace

Ace is a fox terrier dog and a favorite among all the boys. She was born here. Her mother was known as Babe. Among the best known of all dogs is the affectionate creature called the fox terrier. When properly cared for and kindly treated it becomes a fine companion. There are two varities of fox terriers, the smooth haired and the wire haired. Whichever is considered the better is only a matter of taste.

Ace is a lively little dog weighing from 12 to 16 pounds. She is smooth coated, and mostly white.

She has one big black spot on her back and small places on her head besides a small brown spot over each eye.

Herbert E. Wright

Some Things Our New Clock Sees

Christmas brought a new clock to our schoolroom. It is a valuable addition, for Monday morning, when the hands point to seven o'clock, seven boys file in to prayer, then a period of forty minutes follows in which we study algebra. When the clock says seven-forty the teachers change rooms. It watches us while we have bookkeeping and it keeps vigil until eight-twenty when the teachers again change.

At nine o'clock teachers change. We then have Science till the clock says nine thirty. It hears the tower bell ring, but the clock keeps ticking and watches us pass out. It is then alone with the teacher.

Sometimes we come again, when it says nine forty-five ,and keep company with it till eleven-fifteen. During this time we study what is neccessary. On Tuesday and Thursday we study milk testing. At eleven-thirty it is alone ticking the time away.

At one o'clock it sees eight different faces than in the morning. It watches the group work till five o'clock when it is left by itself till morning.

Some evenings it sees many faces at our club meeting. Other nights one or two and sometimes more but when it is nine there are no more faces but it sown in the room. Its hands go around till seven the next morning. It continues the next day and so on doing the duty that it was made for.

It would be a better world if everybody followed the example of our faithful clock.

Sometimes we go too fast and sometime too slow but we are regulated by somebody above us just as the clock is regulated by somebody, that is if we allow Him who is above all, to regulate our lives.

Harold B. Buchan

Making Doughnuts

Thursday morning my Instructor told me I could make doughnuts. After we had the mixture all made, we rolled it down to the proper thickness, and cut it into shape. Then we got the lard out and put it into a black cast iron kettle to get hot. When it was hot enough we put the doughnuts in. When they were brown on one side, we turned them over on the other side. After we took the doughnuts out from the fat, we ran the doughnuts through hot water to get the grease out of them. In all I made 120 doughnuts. I think making doughnuts is great fun.

James Libby

Cleaning the Dark Room

The other day the Supervisor told me to clean the dark room. This room is used for the developing and printing of pictures. First I sorted out plates, which had been developed, and piled them neatly on a shelf. Next I straightened up the chemicals which are used in photography. I then swept and scrubbed the floor. After doing this, I arranged everything in good order and cleaned out some tins. The tins when left had chemicals in them. After such a length of time the chemicals had crystalyized and stuck to the tins. By pouring on hot water, it loosened the substance and then I wiped the tins and my work was finished.

Howard H. Sturtevant

The Conduct System

Our Conduct System is divided into four grades, First, Second, Third and Fourth. The privileges are divided, so a boy in the highest grade can have more privileges than the boy in a lower grade The boys in the First Grade or "the First Graders" may have privileges every day. The Second Graders on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The boys in the Third Grade have Saturday and Sunday. The Fourth Graders do not have any privileges.

When a boy does something wrong, if it is serious enough for him to be checked, the Instructor makes out a Conduct Report and hands it in to the Superintendent who then marks it. He marks the check with as many marks as he thinks best. The boy may be checked by other Instructors, if so the number of marks are added up.

If a boy has not been checked for a week, from Sunday until Saturday night, he is read off as being in the first grade on Monday evening. If he has been checked and receives less than fifteen marks he is put in the second grade. If he receives over fifteen marks he is put in the third grade. Thirty-five marks puts him in the fourth grade.

When a boy is in the fourth grade he has to go a week without getting checked. Then he gets in the third grade. In this way he works back into the first grade.

Some of the privileges are, working in the sloyd room or shop, and coasting and skating.

John M. Levis

Our Milkers' Work

We have a system of milking our cows which is very interesting. In order to have our cows give their milk freely all talking and unnecessary noise is forbidden.

Each cow has a milker, for the changing of milkers is bad for the cow.

We have five milkers and one milk carrier. The milk carrier's duty is to feed the calves.

After each boy is through milking a cow he weighs the milk and writes the number of pounds she gave on the milk record. On the record is the milkers' name and the number of the cow. Then the milk is put in cans and the milk carrier takes it to the kitchen where it is strained into some other cans. Then one of the kitchen boys takes it to the refrigerator room where it is cooled in running water.

Joseph Wasson

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Beginning with the March issue, this page, or a portion thereof, has been and will be devoted to printing the names of all Alumni and the year they left the school or graduated, starting with 1850. With these names their present addresses if known, will be printed.

The School and Alumni Association would greatly appreciate receiving any information concerning the members of the various classes.

Tahy, William
Taylor, Levi B.
Webster, Henry
Withers, John J.
Yuran, Charles

1852

Adolphus, Francis J.
Bassett, Charles
Bossuit, George
Brown, Henry F.
Chittenden, Charles H.
Claflin, George M.
Costello, Thomas
Cowan, George
Dean, Charles H.
Donovan, James
Drew, Valorus
Drugan, William F.
Evans, Richard
Evans, Robert D.
Fitzgerald William H.
Flynn, Hugh
Gibson, William
Grant James S.
Hogan, Martin
Hughes, Arthur
Kilburn, Joshua H
Knell, George
Lord, Charles
McDonald, William E.
McNally, James
Moore, George J.
Murphy, William H.H.
Orne, Joseph C.
Owens, David
Parkhurst, Eugene D.
Perry, William F.
Plummer, Lewis K.
Readdy, William
Sharp, Robert H.
Watson, Lawrence
Watson, Thomas
Welch, John

1853

Agnew, James
Andrews, Thomas A.
Annotyn, Joseph, D
Annotyn, John R.
Arnold, James H.
Ayres, John
Ayres, Michael
Carroll, John F.
Colby, Andrew
Corbett, George
Edstrom, William T.
Ellis, George A.
Finnegan, James B.
Fletcher, William H.
Furma, William H.
Goliff, Philip W.
Green, Richard
Halliday, Woodworth

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